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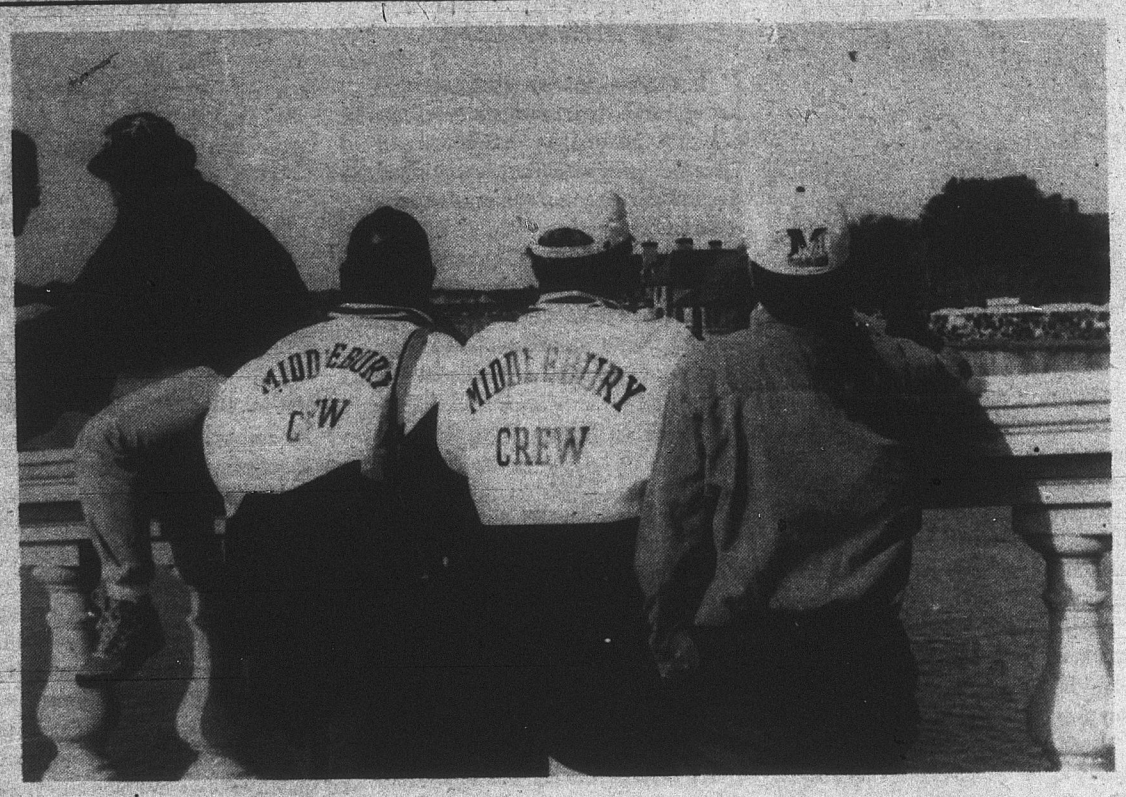

Middlebury Crew at Head of the Charles regatta. *Photo by Roberta Stewart*

Leahy makes campaign stop in Middlebury

By Jake Citrin and Katharine Loos

United States Senator Patrick Leahy continued his statewide re-election campaign for a fourth Senate term by delivering an address on the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings and the future of the Supreme Court at the Democratic campaign headquarters in Middlebury, Thursday, October 15.

Following his address, Leahy granted The Campus an exclusive interview.

The talk covered the confirmation of Clarence Thomas as a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Leahy said, "today we have an administration that did not think of the Supreme Court as a place for all Americans, conservative, liberal or whatever...instead they view the Supreme Court as some kind of political tool."

Leahy went on to say that the confirmation of Thomas was a mistake. "I believe Anita Hill told all of America that Clarence Thomas did not belong on the Supreme Court."

"I don't think anybody believed that Clarence Thomas was the most qualified man for the Supreme Court...If George Bush has shown this willingness to politicize the Supreme Court and for that reason, if for nothing else, he is not qualified to be elected president," he said.

Leahy also used his time in Middlebury to speak on behalf of a woman's right to choose. "Women of America can't go back to the back alleys," Leahy said.

"I will defend the rights of women and I say that not as a pledge for the future, but as a confirmation of what I've done in the past, and will continue to do and...[I] will continue to work to preserve the right to choose," he added.

The address lasted twenty-five minutes and was given to an audience of approximately 40 people.

Immediately after the talk, Leahy spoke to The Campus on other issues relating to the 1992 presidential election and his career in the U.S. Senate.

The Campus: *The senate has been accused of mishandling the Anita Hill and Clarence Thomas affair. The charges range from incompetence to sexism. What is your reaction to these complaints?*

Leahy: I think that given several weeks more on the Anita Hill part it may well have come out [differently]...there may well have been things that could have been done more, but I tell people not to lose sight of the fact that a lot of us opposed Clarence Thomas long before the question of Anita Hill came up. I was the first member of the Judiciary Committee to announce my opposition to him—based solely on competence. No matter what we would have done there was a solid majority of senators who felt Clarence Thomas was not qualified, but enough caved in to the pressure of the White House [and] voted for him, no matter what we [would have] done...the difficulty was she kept saying she would not come forward and we sent our chief investigator to talk to her and she still maintained she would not come forward...I think had that been different...it might possibly have [turned out differently]...but I also saw the White House pressure.

The Campus: *Considering the traditional liberal outlook of the Democratic party on several issues such as taxation and the environment, Clinton seems to be switching the focus to a more moderate or centrist position. How do you feel about this?*

Leahy: I think he is taking a realistic position after the huge deficits built up in the Reagan-Bush era. Whoever is president is going to have limited options available. As a Democrat, I have no problems with that.

The Campus: *Why do you think President Bush was so hesitant to debate Governor Clinton with the single moderator format?*

Leahy: I don't think [the Bush camp] wanted to debate at all until they realized that they are so far behind in the polls that they kind of had to...I think he doesn't want to talk about things that have happened during his four years as president...he wants to talk about what Bill Clinton did when

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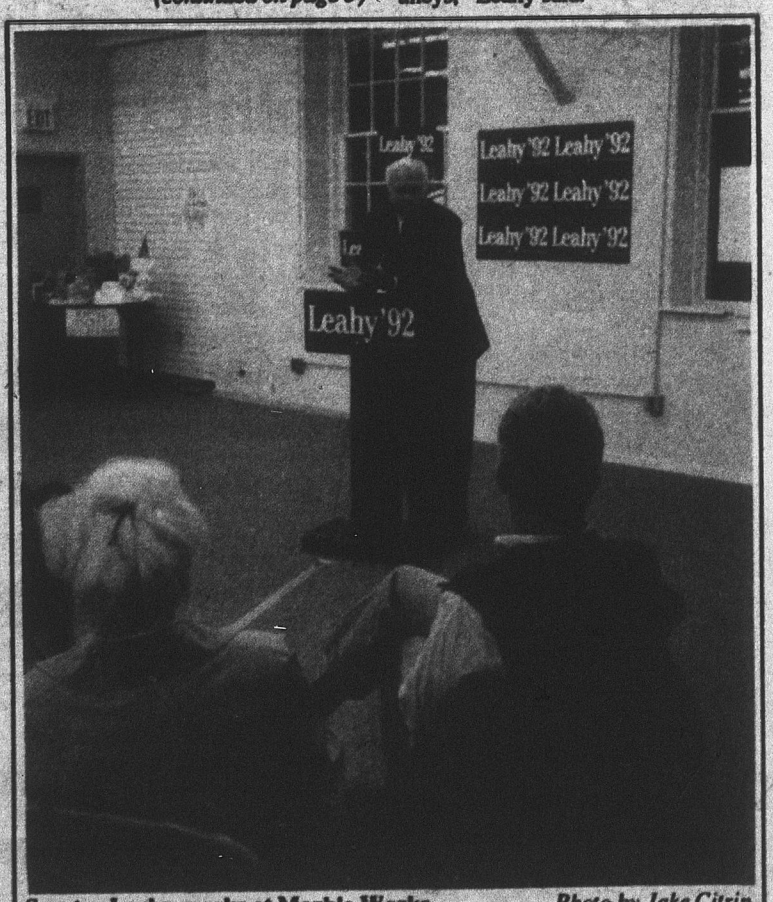

Senator Leahy speaks at Marble Works. *Photo by Jake Citrin*

Security reports new crime statistics

By Jon Baronowski

An annual crime report recently issued by Middlebury College Security reveals that while crime statistics for July 1991 to June 1992 have not changed much from the previous year, there was an increase in the occurrence of both rape and burglary.

There were two reported instances of rape last year, with none for the previous three years. Eight instances of burglary were reported last year as well, compared to only three the year before.

The department has taken an active role in recent years to try to reduce the number of crimes against women.

"The first three years I was at Middlebury, there were some very serious attempted assaults on women," said Director of Public Safety Peter Chenevert, who has held his position for five years. These types of crimes have become less frequent over the past two years. Chenevert also noted that the two instances of rape were acquaintance rape, which centers more on individual responsibility than that of security.

Compared to other colleges, Chenevert believes that Middlebury "weighs pretty well" regarding crime and student safety. "We tend to have fewer arrests for things such as alcohol violations, which are not high crimes, because our security force works within the law in these cases. Security officers do not make arrests like a police officer would," said Chenevert.

There were 206 reported occurrences of larceny and theft last year, compared with 204 in 1990-91 and 183 in 1989-90, according to the security report. The value of the campus's stolen merchandise totaled $57,991 last year.

Other reported crimes included two instances of aggravated assault, one motor vehicle theft as well as eight arrests on campus for liquor law violations, up from seven the previous year.

Campus policy violations listed 150 alcohol violations (including 70 illegal kegs and 17 drunk and disorderly conduct charges), 27 auto accidents, 9 drug violations, 30 complaints of harassment (20 of which were cleared by arrest or exceptional means) and 400 noise complaints.

Middlebury College Security has

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Board considers SGA's young trustee proposal

By John Doty

The student representatives to the trustee Committee on Undergraduate Life presented a young trustee proposal, a plan to appoint two recent graduates to the board, as part of a four point plan to improve communication between the students and trustees when the trustees met over Homecoming weekend.

The other three parts of the plan were immediately accepted by the trustees, but the young trustee proposal remains under discussion by the board, according to Rita Glavin, president of the Student Government Association (SGA) and member of the Committee on Undergraduate Life.

The advantage of the young trustee proposal, according to Glavin, is that this person would be a "tremendous resource to the Board of Trustees." This alumnus would have direct experience as a recent student, which Glavin believes is "a student asset, a community asset, and a board asset."

John Emerson, dean of the college, said he thought the young trustee proposal has a good chance of being passed by the trustees. He said the trustees are reevaluating their by-laws right now and will take a "very careful look at [the proposal]."

The goal of the program, according to Glavin, is to "increase information and decrease misperceptions." She said that trustees are selected based on their ability to bring different experiences, perspectives, and expertise to the board. "This program is a wonderful way to see [this goal] through," reasoned Glavin.

Many other comparable colleges already have similar programs and according to Glavin are "extremely successful." Glavin stressed that this is "not a radical program," and reported that many universities saw it simply as a logical enhancement to their board of trustees.

Emerson said he felt that it would be beneficial to have a younger person on the Board of Trustees. He said, "to have trustees that represent a wider range of interests, ages, and experiences, particularly experiences closer to recent student experience, could have some advantages."

According to Glavin, Middlebury College had a young trustee program in the early 1970s but abolished it when the board of trustees restructured itself in the early 1980s. Some objected to the program because the young trustees missing meetings, did not understanding the board well enough, and served for only a short period of time.

Under the old system, the senior class elected a student to serve the two-year term.

The new proposal suggests that an SGA committee review applications from graduating seniors and anyone within two years of graduation and select five acceptable candidates. The

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College Shorts

New Harvard plan to protect employees with AIDS

Harvard University has recently decided to provide a $100,000 payment to any of their medical staff who become infected with the AIDS virus while at work.

Apparently the first of its kind, the insurance will cover, at no extra cost, any worker who can prove they became infected from an accident on the job that exposed them to AIDS-related blood.

Other universities offer insurance to medical students who become infected with the AIDS virus, but Harvard's policy differs in that the benefit payment is unrelated to complications arising from AIDS or the ability to continue working. Harvard officials say the plan is intended to give infected employees immediate help.

Big crimes on small campuses according to new report

The recently created Student Right to Know Act has revealed some frightening new statistics about the incidence of crime on college campuses. According to a report released last week, the following crimes were reported by 580 of the country's largest colleges and universities: murders: 16; burglaries: 15,313; assaults: 2,528; rapes: 493. Middlebury College, in 1991-1992, had the following crime statistics: 2 aggravated assaults, 8 burglaries, 206 occurrences of larceny/theft, and 2 rapes.

Some schools opposed the release of crime statistics because they fear schools will be ranked according to safety. In addition, there is no consistent method in compiling the statistics from school to school, which may hurt those schools that are more forthcoming with statistics.

"Redmen" mascot dropped by Ripon

Ripon College is one of the most recent institutions to eliminate a nickname deemed offensive by Native American organizations. Ripon's teams until recently were known as the Redmen, a name that is one of several criticized by Native Americans, who consider it racist.

Last year, Ripon began calling its men's teams the Red men, and its women's teams the Lady Red. As this name was unpopular with students and alumni, the search for a new, more P.C. name continued. The school finally decided that all teams at Ripon will be known simply as The Red, allowing the college to keep its red and white colors.

Programs suggested for Native American students

Higher education officials need to develop retention programs designed to help Native American students through their first year to increase their representation among college graduates, according to a study by the American Council on Education.

Eileen O'Brien, a research analyst at the council, cites statistics as a reason for creating such programs. For example, while Native Americans account for 0.8 percent of the nation's population, Native American college students receive only 0.4 percent of all bachelor's, master's, and first professional degrees.

O'Brien notes that three out of four Native American students drop out during their first year of college. Retention programs that specifically identify Native American students, she says, "could dramatically improve their chances of remaining in college."

Football games moved to a.m. to curb drinking

In an attempt to reduce the amount of drinking that goes on at tailgate parties before kick-off, Lehigh University and Lafayette College have agreed to move the starting time of football games this year to 10:45 a.m. Recent games have been disrupted by students who have been drinking excessively.

RIT to allow underage drinking in dorms

In accordance with a more lenient alcohol policy, officials at the Rochester Institute of Technology will not cite underage students who drink in residence halls unless they are intoxicated. Officials hope the more lenient policy will make it easier to identify and help problem drinkers.

Previously, only students who were 21 or older were permitted to drink in dorm rooms or at events where alcohol is served. Fred Smith, vice president for student affairs, says the institute's old alcohol policy "drove the drinking underground."

Under the new policy, residence hall advisers are supposed to watch for students who display signs of alcohol abuse and recommend them for counseling. Prior to the new policy, charges would be brought against the student by the institution's judiciary board.

"The policy wasn't working in the past," said Smith. "RA's were very reluctant to report students for alcohol abuse. This way, we can keep the drinking on campus and, if there's a problem, can spot it."

Some students believe the new policy will also reduce the risk to students who would otherwise drink off campus, and it will cut down the number of students leaving residence halls to drink and then drive back.

Ruling against VMI is a victory for civil rights

Virginia Military Institute can continue to operate as a publicly financed all-male college if the Commonwealth of Virginia creates "parallel institutions or parallel programs" for women, a federal appeals court has ruled.

VMI has long been criticized for its male student only admission policy. VMI's claims that the all-male environment fosters "educational diversity" were rejected by the three judge panel because half of the state's residents are barred from enrolling.

Women' rights advocates believe the decision is a major step toward the admission of female students. Admitting women is "the only practical response" available to VMI as a public institution, said Shirley S. Segrawa, senior counsel for the National Women's Law Center.

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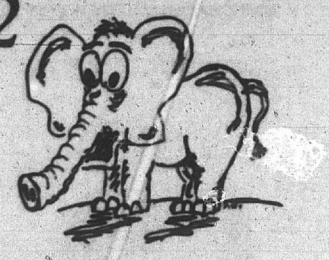


By Jim Oleske

George Bush's last gasp

Time is running out for the president as election day nears and the polls show him falling further behind his Democratic opponent.

In a week when Bush needed to take advantage of the debates and close the gap between himself and Bill Clinton, his message seemed to fall on deaf ears. Throughout the three televised confrontations the president attacked Clinton on issues of character, but never seemed to overcome the public's indifference to the topic.

Ross Perot dismissed the president's attack as irrelevant, and apparently many in the live audience agreed as they quickly applauded this assessment.

Bush looked sharpest in the final debate as he broadened his approach. He challenged Bill Clinton's record in Arkansas, accused him of waffling on the issue of free trade, and again emphasized the theme of trust.

However, the president's strong showing was widely criticized as too little, too late. A CBS News poll conducted immediately following Monday's debate revealed that Bill Clinton lost only two percentage points and still held a 15 point lead over Bush.

With so much ground to cover, and less than two weeks to do it, the Bush campaign is expected to flood the media market with advertisements. The majority of commercials will continue the attacks on Bill Clinton's character and stress the President's integrity and experience.

In addition, this week the president has embarked upon a whistle-stop tour of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia during which he has continued to emphasize the importance of experience and character.

Asked about Bush's grave situation, officials in the campaign have stressed their belief that Clinton's support is soft and pointed out that a large number of voters are still undecided.

Could Sadaam Run Wal-Mart?

Ross Perot, who spent the first two debates concentrating on the economy and ignoring the president's attempt to raise the issue of character, decided on Monday to get down and dirty.

After Bush criticized Clinton for being on two sides of many issues and implying that he was not trustworthy, Perot shocked the president with an attack on how the administration has dealt with Iraq.

He asserted that the United States told Sadaam Hussein that he could take the border regions of Kuwait. This was a direct challenge to Bush in the one area, foreign policy, that seemed the president's strong suit.

Perot also had harsh words for Clinton. After the president criticized the Arkansas record, Clinton argued that much had been accomplished in hi ate under his administration. When as d what he thought of the Arkansas qu ion, Perot shook it off as irrel- ev t. He made the analogy that a per- so who successfully runs a small cor- ne ore will not necessarily be able to ta over the operation of Wal-Mart. linton quickly retorted that the jobs he created were in fact relevant and that his experience in balancing the state budget was valuable. However, Perot's ridicule did sting as it elicited laughter from the audience.

Public interest runs high

The importance of this presidential election has not been lost on the American people. They have tuned in to watch and signed up to vote in surprisingly large numbers as this three-way race enters its final stage.

Ross Perot, who, by most accounts, has no chance of winning, is attracting large audiences with his thirty and sixty minute commercials. Viewers are choosing a rather plain display of pie charts and economic rhetoric over popular comedy shows and sporting events.

The debates also posted impressive Nielsen numbers, as much of the country looked to the candidates for their solutions to the present economic woes.

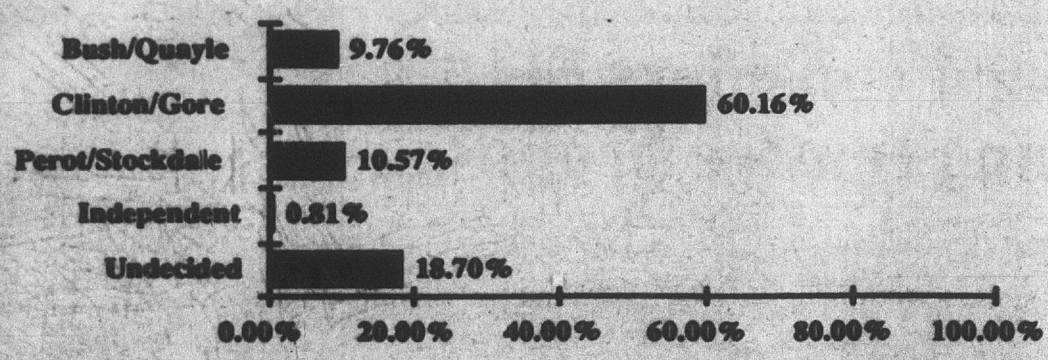
The most convincing evidence of heightened popular interest is the reports from many states that voter registration is on the rise. Some are predicting unusually large numbers at the polls, a circumstance that traditionally helps Democrats.

Latest Polls	Clinton	Bush	Perot
CBS News Oct. 19	48	33	16
CNN/USA Oct. 19	48	30	15
ABC News Oct. 17	49	31	12

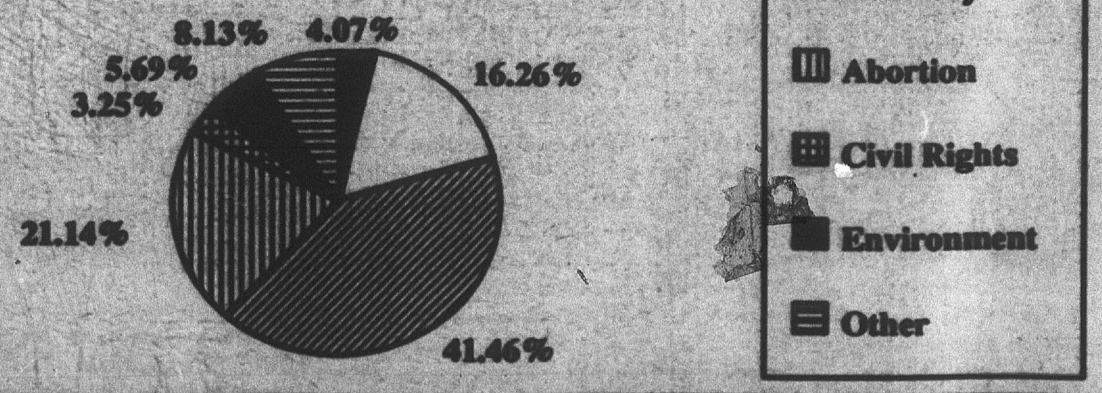
Politics and the election at Middlebury

By Jim Oleske and Ed Soh

For which candidate will you vote?



What is the most important issue of the campaign?



The polls were taken on October 21, 1992 in Upper Proctor Dining Hall during lunch. To obtain a random sampling, four people in a preselected position from each dining hall table were polled. In total, one hundred thirty-six students were polled. Of the individuals polled, approximately 89 percent were registered voters in the United States. The graphs show the responses of these registered voters.

Smith assumes new role in admissions

By Elisabeth Egan

Geoffrey R. Smith '74 was named the Middlebury College director of admissions last May, after serving a year as the interim director following the retirement of Fred F. Neuberger, who acted as director from 1955 to 1991.

Associate Director of Admissions Kathy Lindsey '68 said there was a smooth transition from one admissions director to the next due to the fact that Smith had already been a member of the staff.

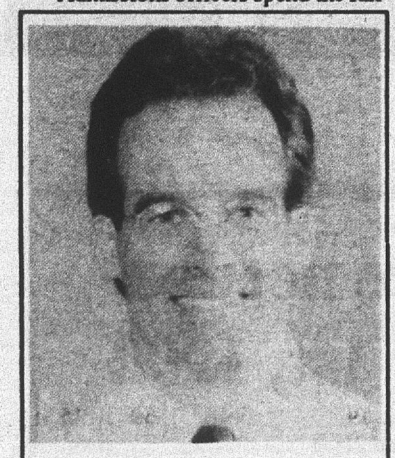
"Working for Geoff is different, not better or worse," Lindsey said.

Currently, only two members of the admissions staff are not Middlebury graduates.

According to Lindsey, "it's wonderful to have the perspective of a Middlebury alum and the perspective of a Michigan State alum in the decision-making process."

Lindsey noted that the basic procedure the admissions staff follows in accepting students to the college has not changed with the appointment of Smith as director.

Admissions officers spend the fall



Geoffrey Smith.

travelling around the country visiting high schools and speaking to students who visit Middlebury. They spend one week in November reviewing early admission applications.

Regular decision applications are tackled in January. Each folder is read three times and officers make notes on the front of each one according to their opinion of the applicant. The admissions committee convenes in March to sit as a group and make final decisions about which students will be accepted to Middlebury.

Smith's job as the director of admissions includes the same duties as the other officers. In addition, Smith is in charge of cases that need special attention.

"In a quandary, Geoff has the final responsibility to make a decision," says Lindsey. "He also stands behind our decisions."

In addition to overseeing the activities of the Emma Willard House, Smith is a member of the senior administrative staff. He is also a member of the Student Affairs Committee, which includes Dean of the College John Emerson and Dean of Students Ann Craig Hanson. This committee is responsible for discussing proposed changes in admissions policy. One of the issues that is currently a topic of discussion for the Student Affairs Committee is the possibility of creating a smaller student body by shrinking enrollment of future classes by one hundred students.

In terms of the changes that will be implemented by the admissions office under the leadership of Smith, Emerson cited a completely reorganized support staff. "We hope to relocate resources to be more effective in recruiting students of color, using a cooperative team approach."

Under the leadership of Smith, "the admissions office hopes to provide new initiatives for athletes who are strong contributors academically as well," said Emerson. He discussed a plan for active recruiting in the Midwest for men's sports and the development of a new admissions brochure to represent all of the athletic programs instead of providing separate pamphlets on each sport.

According to Emerson, "the admissions office plans to heighten an effort to strengthen the yield of students who are judged to be academically strong. Can we be more competitive?"

Emerson referred to students who might be making a choice between Middlebury and an Ivy League school, continuing, "if we can get students on this campus, the place sells itself."

Smith, who is currently touring high schools, worked as a local school teacher and as the principle of Salisbury Elementary School after graduating from Middlebury College. He became a member of the admissions staff at the University of Vermont in 1980 and returned to Middlebury when there was an opening in the admissions office in 1986. Currently, Smith sits on the local planning and zoning commissions, and serves as a delegate to the regional planning commission.

A security car patrols the campus. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Security

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made an increased effort this fall to better educate students about crime on campus. Part of this effort was the publication of "Security & You," a pamphlet distributed to students during the last month.

"We are required to publish crime statistics and security information every year for students, and we thought it would be a good opportunity to provide students with a thorough security handbook at the same time," said Chenevert.

Every college must prepare a Uniform Campus Crime Report annually that indicates the statistics for murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft. In addition, colleges must provide statistics on arrests for liquor law violations, drug abuse violations, and weapons possessions. This practice is mandated by the Federal Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act.

"Security & You" was distributed to reduce the potential for crime on campus. "The success of prevention depends largely on [the students] following sound security practices, recognizing, and immediately reporting suspicious or criminal activity," wrote Chenevert in the pamphlet's preface.

The booklet contains information regarding the role of the Department of Security and, most importantly, information on student safety and crime prevention. The booklet also contains an insert that gives crime statistics for the college over the past calendar year.

Chenevert believes "Security & You" will assist students in ensuring that their experiences at Middlebury are safe this year and in future years.

"We've outlined a lot of important safety guidelines in the booklet, and we plan to supply all incoming students with the booklet in the future," according to Chenevert.

Ireland kicks off discussion series

By Greg Lewicki

The first in a series of four student-led International Discussions was held in the Munroe seminar room on Thursday, October 15. Ireland was the topic of the first meeting conducted by Eric Jones '93, Dexter Mahaffey '93, and Julie Troy '93. The students all participated in study-abroad programs in Ireland.

The four discussions are being organized by Karl Lindholm, dean of advising and off-campus study, and Linda Carroll, an intern and Lindholm's assistant, and are sponsored by the Allen, Atwater-Davis, Chateau, and North Dorms commons.

The three remaining discussions will focus on Latin America, East Asia, and Eastern Europe.

According to Carroll, the program is issue-oriented, and is not supposed to focus on the logistics of the off-campus study program. The students are allowed to focus on whatever issue they want, be it cultural, political, or historical. The aim of the discussion series is to provide the Middlebury community with an "opportunity to create a dialogue on a stimulating international issue," she said.

The program's intent is to "get ideas flowing...[and to] create an international flair around campus," she added.

The discussion of Ireland focused mainly on the political violence in Ireland and the Irish pub scene. Mahaffey set the tone for the evening when he said that a visitor to Ireland comes away from that country feeling that the British are a "bunch of schmucks," he said.

Mahaffey said, "[the Irish people] don't like the British because they've had family members blown away."

According to Mahaffey, the Irish-British conflict has resulted in a shift in the Irish power center.

"[Ireland is one of the] least spiritual places,...[yet] the Catholic Church is probably the most influential organization [in the country]...even more [influential] than the government," he said.

The reason for this is that the British used Protestantism as a moral excuse for imperialism, which made Catholicism become the Irish identity, according to Mahaffey.

"Britain was essentially trying to [perpetrate] genocide on the Irish...[and] the manifestation of 700 years of British invasion is I.R.A. [Irish Republican Army] violence," Mahaffey said. Troy concurred with this opinion.

The three panelists also talked extensively about the Irish pub scene. According to Jones, "[you] want to check out as many pubs as you can [and] find your own."

Eventually the bitter stout beer "becomes a part of your bloodstream," according to Mahaffey. The pubs, he added, are very family-oriented and the center of community life.

Young trustee

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SGA general assembly next endorses any two candidates, and the Community Council also endorses any two candidates. These suggestions are then given to the Board of Trustees, who make the final selection of the one young trustee. The selection process would occur once every three years, and each new trustee would serve a five year term.

Glavin said that this recommended process is likely to be modified, but said that it is the "idea that matters." She said technicalities should not stand in the way of this concept.

Emerson also praised the Committee on Undergraduate Life, saying, they did "very, very good job at making their case." He was present when the students reported their plans, and was impressed by the information and research the students presented. He said, "the record ought to show they did a great job."

Currently the faculty and staff do not have representatives on the board, but Glavin said that students are not employees of the college, and have a "unique relationship to the trustees. Students become alumni, and alumni become trustees. The whole institution revolves around the students."

Leahy

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he was a student.

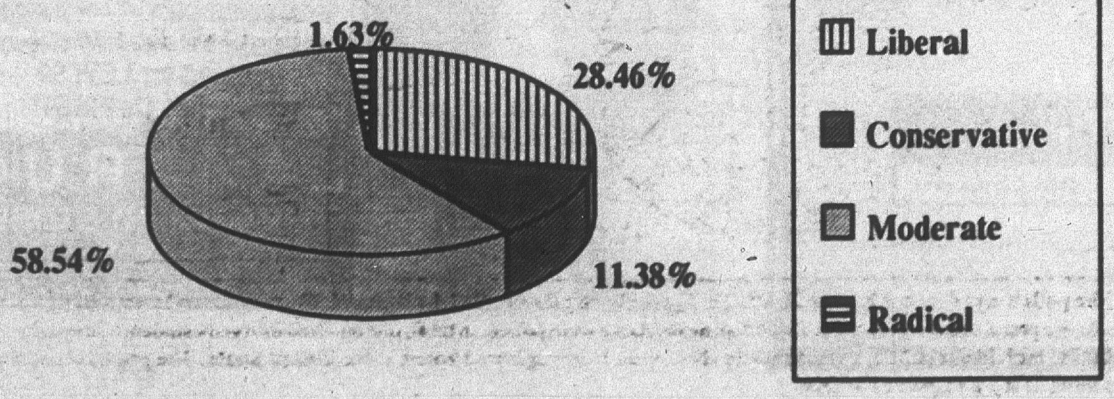
The Campus: Each year when the CIA arrives on campus to recruit new agents, some students and faculty protest because they believe the CIA is elitist, homophobic and guilty of many other immoral crimes. As the former vice chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, what is your opinion of these protests?

Leahy: If students don't want to talk to [them, they] don't have to. I think that the decision has to be made by those who are seeking jobs with the agency...to me it seems almost elitist for somebody to stand up and say 'I will protest the CIA coming on campus because I am smart enough to know that you shouldn't go there, but these other poor benighted students might not be smart enough [to know this] unless I stand up and protest'...I think that they, like the military, had some sexist problems in the past and I think that they are working to overcome that.

The Campus: *When Ross Perot re-entered the race, he was low in the polls, but after the first debate he rebounded. Who do you think will be affected more by Ross Perot's presence in the race?*

Leahy: I'm in the minority in this, but I think Governor Clinton gets hurt by it...I think that President Bush ought to hope that Perot would stay in because people are so disturbed by the economic policies in the last two administrations and want to vote for somebody else...if they vote for Ross Perot their vote gets wasted. If they're voting for that reason... a vote for Ross Perot is really a vote for George Bush.

What do you consider yourself?



Was an Agreement Broken?

A debate concerning student/administration agreements will be held during a special Student Government Association Meeting

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Where: McCullough Floor

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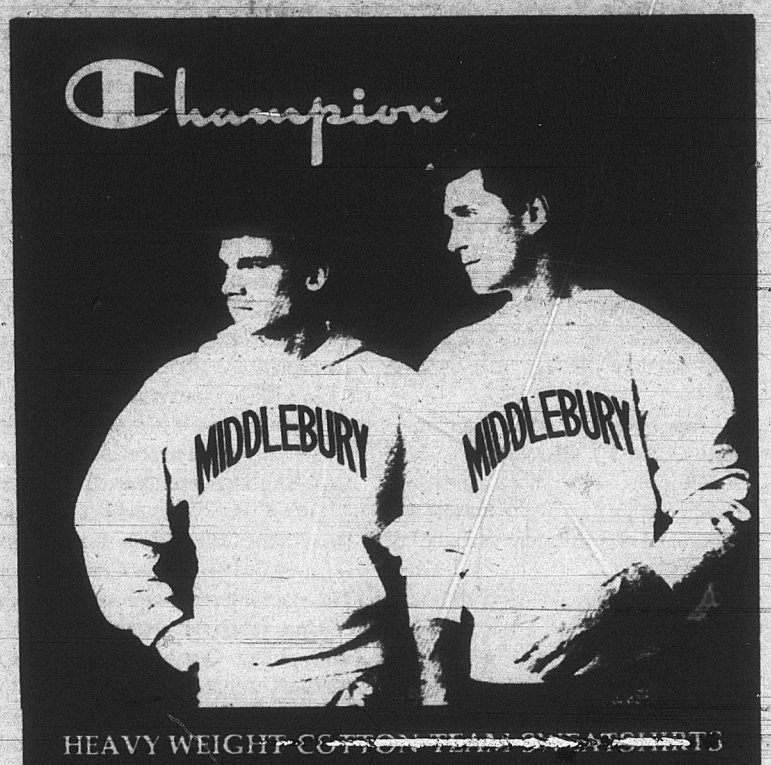

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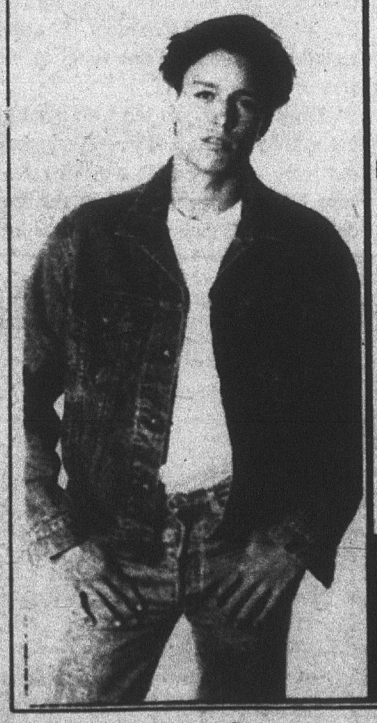

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Random Notes

By Chris Piehler

Writers tend to be a rather egotistical lot, so it's not all that surprising that over the centuries they have presented themselves as sages, magicians, social leaders or God-like visionaries capable of leading those who read into an enlightened state that made nirvana look like one of the shabbier neighborhoods of Buffalo, New York.

Charles Baudelaire, a poet who belonged to the famous Really Scary-Looking Moody French Guy School of the nineteenth century, often wrote about voyages in an attempt to escape the grinding monotony of what must have been the world's longest-lasting hangover.

To modernize the vision of a man who figured that a good way to seduce his hesitant lover was to compare her to the roadside corpse of a dog, I would liken writing to a road trip.

For both, you eat Oreos and drink Pepsi, the two key members of the Dark Food Group. You spend the majority of your time staring uselessly into space, you stop a lot to go the bathroom, and you're never finished as soon as you thought you'd be.

The problem is the decreasing availability of a simple, standard - sized, single-stuff Oreo cookie.

It should be obvious, then, that the dilemma facing the modern writer is not that most people prefer being force-fed sitcoms or enduring the mind-numbing midget elevator music of Nintendo to sitting down and digesting a quick novella. The problem is the decreasing availability of a simple, standard-sized, single-stuff Oreo cookie.

For some reason or another, the food industry's newest fetish is Extreme Sizing. For example, if you go to the local grocery store, you'll have no difficulty finding Oreo bites, or Ritz bites or tiny pieces of bacon guaranteed to come from Ernie, the world's smallest pig.

Before you know it, they'll be selling single Dorito atoms, sold with their own microscope and tweezers for hours and hours of strenuous but extremely light party snacking.

On the other side of the spectrum, your average hip food store devotes entire aisles to giant mutant killer Oreos that could cover most of Utah and are currently being tested by the military as an edible alternative to missiles. These new weapons are known as ICBC's or Intercontinental Ballistic Cookies.

I have heard rumors that the Nabisco company is currently baking a tremendous Oreo large enough to qualify as the eighth continent. Hopefully they'll figure out some way to combat the sogginess that plagues every habitual dunker.

In any case, I'm still on my quest for a simple garden variety sandwich cookie, which apparently made the newest Endangered Species List.

Until then, I've had to make do with a slightly oversized one, so if you notice the roof of Painter looking more black and crumbly than usual, just keep walking.

Religion and God exist, at least for some

By Chad Bryant

God may be alive and well at Middlebury, but even a week of midterms was unable to convince most students that hell exists.

Last week, the Campus polled, at random, 30 Middlebury students about their religious beliefs. The margin of error was +/- 9 percent.

Academia has a reputation among many for making theists into atheists, but God seems to fare well at Middlebury. When posed with the question, "Do you believe in God?," 75 percent of those polled responded "yes," 11percent said "no," and 14 percent took the agnostic point of view.

What is even more surprising is that although most students believe in God, very few accept the idea of hell. A mere 29 percent answered "yes" when asked "Do you believe in the existence of hell?" No one answered "I don't know," making the eternal optimists 71 percent of those polled.

The most obvious explanation for these statistics is that most students like the idea of God, but feel uncomfortable with the concept of hell. To put it plainly, eternal torment is just too scary to accept for most people.

Philosophy professor Don Adams offers an alternative to this hypothesis, however. Most students, he argues, have become aware of the varying beliefs that the many religions of the world hold, and although most religions believe in a divine being, not all of them claim a hell.

Another reason that Adams offered was that to most students hell is illogical.

"Many students would not be able to make sense of the concept of hell because on the one hand you have a God who is loving and just, and on the other is a God who sends people to hell," said Adams.

Traditional doctrine also suffers when faced with the question of creationism. When asked, "Do you believe that people were created or evolved?," 82 percent responded in favor of evolution.

One problem with the question, as Adams pointed out, was that the respondents were forced to make a decision between the two theories, and, as a result, chose the one that was more acceptable. The question did not leave room for a compromise between the two ideas, for example saying that evolution had occurred and continues to occur but that God had "gotten the ball rolling."

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Omnipotence was more acceptable to most students, however, probably because the concept was not as scary or easy to disprove. Forty six percent responded that they believed that God was omnipotent, so, keeping in mind that the atheists and agnostics were asked the same question, it would appear that most believers accept the idea of an omnipotent God.

Despite their beliefs in God, however, most students do not attend religious services on a regular basis. 11 percent said that they go weekly, and only 18 percent responded that they attend "occasionally." The majority, 46 percent, claimed to attend only on holidays, and the rest stay home every weekend.

Adams attributed these numbers to several factors. The American culture seems to discourage regular church attendance for several reasons. American individualism teaches us that if we need something, we can do it ourselves. As a result, most people "stopped seeing church as relevant to their lives."

In the past, Adams argues, people were overwhelmed by the beauty and power of the church and came to church in order to experience this feeling. Today's culture is different, however. "People are no longer interested in the feeling of being overwhelmed; we just want to be satisfied."

It is also clear that in a college atmosphere time plays a role in the decision to attend church services.

Finally, the image of organized religion as a whole has suffered, especially in this election year because churches too often appear to be composed of right-wing radicals. This offends many students who find organized religion reactionary and superficial.

Bikers cross country to raise funds

By Amy Stuart

They looked pretty normal to me. I don't know exactly what I expected three college-age women who had just biked across the country to look like — Amazonian bodies? emaciated and gasping for water? (it was August, after all) — at least visibly super-human. But they were just regular people... with sock tans.

They had just completed the final stretch of a ten week trek from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. and had pulled up to the lawn behind the Capitol building a little bit ahead of the rest of the group.

"We thought we were lost," they said, laughing. "We thought we were way behind." They weren't even out of breath.

A few minutes later we heard shouting and turned around to see a massive red swarm (the other fifty-seven riders in their Bike-Aid '92 T-shirts) descend in one body and circle around the fountain in the middle of the cul-de-sac, yelling and cheering and squirting their water bottles in the air. They had pedaled from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Brownsville, Texas, and had finally come together, safe and exuberant, at the opposite end of the country.

This summer, for the seventh year in a row, a group of dedicated and very adventurous volunteers biked from coast to coast as part of an annual fundraising project sponsored by the Overseas Development Network, which supports grass-roots development projects both within the United States and around the world.

Each participant raised at least $2000 through donations and other sources. This money - a total of over $1 million since 1986- has helped fund initiatives from toxic clean-up in Silver Valley, Idaho to construction of clean water facilities in Guatemala and the purchase of improved farming equipment in the Philippines.

In addition, the bikers participated in local community service projects along the way, meeting people in need, learning about their struggles and helping where they could.

"What I'll remember most," said one, "is the lives we touched, . . . from Crow Indians losing jobs and land on their Montana reservation to the hungry people we served breakfast to at a St. Paul, Minnesota soup kitchen."

This year's focus was on indigenous peoples, and each of the four routes included host stays in several Native American communities across the country. There, the cyclists were able to gain first hand knowledge of the diversity of cultures within the United States and of the difficulties faced by those whose traditional ways of life are threatened or extinct, and who are struggling to improve their current conditions.

At a reception on the evening of the finale, when cyclists from all four routes had gotten together to relax, meet each other, eat pizza and show slides, their different experiences were shared.

Most of the participants were young- college students, recent grads, teach-

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Northern Studies students explore arctic

By Andy Gardner

"There is a national need for this program. There is a shortage of people trained to understand northern environments," said the National Science Foundation external review committee final report on the joint Center for Northern Studies/Middlebury College Northern Studies program.

Once again this fall, eight Middlebury College undergraduates participated in the Northern Studies Program at the Center for Northern Studies in Wolcott, Vermont and in Newfoundland, Labrador, and Quebec as a part of a field study. The students shared their experiences during a slide show sponsored by the Middlebury Mountain Club on October 13.

The Center for Northern Studies was founded in 1971 by a group of scientists under the direction of Dr. Steven Young. Ever since, undergraduate and graduate students from Middlebury College and other colleges such as Bowdoin, Brown, and St. Lawrence have participated in the program.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the eight students along with three professors participated in a 3 1/2 week trip to Newfoundland, Labrador and Quebec to study the Arctic environment. Each student is required to keep a journal and write at least two pages every day.

The group first arrived at Gros More Park on the western Newfoundland coast after a long van ride. There, they worked with a conservation specialist and studied glacial geology and sub-Arctic ecology.

Jen Shepherd '95 said, "We studied alpine vegetation that you can't find anywhere else. We also saw lots of wildlife like some caribou and large Arctic hares."

They continued up the coast of the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland, stopping at Green Gardens which was an area of grassy cliffs, beaches, and lava sea stacks. Along the way, the crew visited archeological sites such as the 4,000 year old Maritime Archaic Indian site at Port aux Choix and the Norse settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows.

After, the group continued on to the coastal fishing village of Red Bay, Labrador where they studied the social and economic issues facing northern natural resource-based communities. The students learned that the economy

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Braving -120° wind chill, Nothern Studies students explore the arctic. *Photo Coutesy Bill Howland*

Long Trail provides weekend hike

The view from the top of Mt. Grant. *Photo by Jordan Romm*

By Peter Greatrex

If you ever have a fall or spring weekend ahead of you without much work, grab a backpack and head up to Lincoln Gap. From there, hike the Long Trail south for the weekend, finishing at Middlebury Gap and the Snow Bowl.

Leaving early Friday afternoon, hike 4.7 miles south from Lincoln Gap, arriving at the Cooley Glenn shelter for the night.

The first mile of this hike is uphill, eventually arriving at a western overlook aptly named "sunset ledge." This is the first of many overlooks where you will feel the urge to take out your camera.

The next few miles of the trail roll along a ridge before rising up to Mt. Grant. At just over 3600 feet, this mountain is 1200 feet higher than the start of the hike at Lincoln Gap.

From Mt. Grant, the Cooley Glenn shelter is less than a mile downhill. The shelter is a three-sided lean-to, and the water source is a small stream a few hundred yards downhill.

Saturday morning, get ready to hike just over seven miles to Skyline lodge. This hike takes you over four major mountains, all with spectacular views on a clear day.

Mt. Cleveland is less than a mile from the shelter, and Mt. Roosevelt is three miles further. From the top of Roosevelt, you can see the ski trails of Killington to the south. This is only one of the best places along the trail to stop and have lunch.

Further along the trail lies Mt. Wilson and Bread Loaf Mountain, both of which are about 3800 feet above sea level. Between these two peaks lies the Emily Proctor shelter, a three-sided shelter that can provide cover for those who do not want to continue to Skyline lodge.

From the top of Bread Loaf Mountain, Skyline Lodge is another mile along the ridge. The lodge itself is a cabin that was built in 1987 and can sleep up to 15 people. It overlooks Skyline pond and, for the early risers, provides a perfect spot to watch the sunrise over the Green Mountains.

The final day's hike of five miles can be done very quickly, as the trail winds down from 3420 feet at Skyline to 2411 feet at the Middlebury Gap. Battell Mt., Mt. Boyce, Kirby Peak and Burnt Hill are progressively lower peaks as you hike south towards the gap.

The problem with hiking from point A to point B is that your transportation is still at point A when you finish hiking. Just hitch a ride back down into Middlebury and then back up to Lincoln Gap to retrieve your car.

For a two night trip, be sure to bring plenty of food and warm clothing, as well as matches and a water purifying pump or iodine tablets.

To get to Lincoln Gap, drive north on Route 7 and turn right, following signs to Bristol. Go straight through town and follow the road over two bridges, turning right after the second bridge.

At this junction, there is a sign for Lincoln Gap. Follow the road uphill as it turns from paved to dirt back to paved again. At the top of the hill, you will see a small parking lot. Sign in and hit the trail.

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of Red Bay, primarily based on fishing, has been depleted because of offshore trawlers and that the average weight of Cod has been reduced from 40 lbs to one lb in recent years.

In addition to analyzing the economic issues, they studied geological and natural aspects of Red Bay such as bog plants and glaciated landscapes. After studying archeology in the classroom, the students went out and conducted an archeological dig. They found artifacts that were 700-4000 years old including a 4000 year old hammerhead, 700 year old ceramics and quartz arrowheads.

When the field trip concluded, study at the Northern Studies Center in Wolcott, Vermont began. Wolcott is far enough north so that the physical, biological and climatological features of the area are comparable to those in other sub-Arctic locations.

For example, every tree species native to interior Alaska occurs naturally in Wolcott. Also the temperature regime is closely comparable to that of Anchorage or St. Petersburg.

Students live in houses that are within walking distance of the center and four to six housemates share the responsibility of meal preparation and housekeeping.

The center offers small, seminar-style classes stressing active participation by all students. Molly Reeves '95 said, "it's unique to be in a situation where everyone is so enthusiastic. It's much easier to learn in the actual environment than from a textbook."

In the Winter Term, a four-week course on winter ecology is offered at the center, in addition to the fall and spring semesters.

Students may spend one or two semesters in the Northern Studies program and should apply through the Center for Northern Studies, Wolcott, Vermont, 05680.

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Bikers

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ers, counselors, artists, activists- but the age range from all seven Bike-Aid trips has been from 15 to over 60.

This year the group included representatives from ODN-sponsored projects in Columbia and Bolivia, one of whom had arrived in the U.S. without knowing a word of English.

I was still in awe, but immediately felt welcome and comfortable, even after explaining 25 times that no, I hadn't ridden with Bike-Aid; I was just an ODN chapter member and had only sat on a train for two hours to get there.

I can't remember when I've ever felt so much enthusiasm and energy packed into one room. I talked to a few people who were getting ready to turn around and bike all the way back to California.

This time with no van following behind in case of emergency (and not nearly as good an excuse to ask for free food along the way).

A lot of these people were not even experienced cyclists; some had bought bikes, or had them donated, especially for the trip. "It's really not that hard," they kept assuring me. "Anyone can do it."

They averaged about 40 miles a day, ranging anywhere from 30 to 100. "That was only once, though," I was told. "And it was in Nebraska." The route for each day was set, but then each person could go at his or her own pace, stopping for coffee or a nap if necessary.

What was most impressive was the warm reception they had gotten at every stop.

Most of their food had been donated (each group seemed to have a designated "scrounger" who was in charge of going up to the Pizza Hut counter and asking for help feeding twenty starving cross-country bikers) and they stayed overnight in private homes as well as in churches, gyms and community centers.

"Along the way," wrote Diana Bracy of the Portland route, "strangers . . . have filled our water bottles, fed us, educated us, housed us, prayed for us and inspired us."

The cyclists had participated for many different reasons ("This was my ride home," joked a Stanford student who lives in New Jersey), but none of them went away unchanged. "For me, arriving in Washington D.C. . . . was not a conclusion, but a transition," said Paul Spitler of the San Francisco route.

These were just regular people who pushed themselves and discovered how much they can give, how much they can learn, and how deeply they can touch the lives of thousands of "strangers" across the country and around the world.

"I hope you have seen your personal power," said Mike Spiegel, the national coordinator and a Bike-Aid alumnus, in his welcoming address.

"Do not return to your lives and forget the impact that you had on the people you saw. And for sure, do not return and forget the impact that they had on your lives. . . . Stay active, stay involved and keep educating yourselves."

This week in Middlebury history

By Peter Greatrex

Taken from the pages of "The Town's College: Middlebury College, 1800-1915" and the Middlebury Campus (1905-present).

For the week of October 23-28:

1810- The college library consists of nearly 1000 volumes, many of which were donated.

1813- Samuel Nelson, who would later become a Supreme Court justice, attended Middlebury.

1826- The total cost of a year's study at Middlebury ranged between $100-$125.

1881- The new college library expanded it's hours, opening for two hours a day, five days a week. The old library had only been open for two hours each week and students were denied direct access to the books.

1912-18- Vermonters comprised 30 percent of the student body.

1942- The administration decides to admit students at the beginning of the second term in January.

1947- Students were organized for mobilization in case of forest fires in the mountains outside of town.

1955- 73 percent of first year men, or 169 men, were given bids to fraternities.

1958- The addition to Starr Library ran into problems as pockets of water were found under where the base was to be built.

1966- The football team defeats Bates 20-19 before a home crowd of 1,500.

1968- Birth control pills were available on campus to college women who were either married or over 21 years of age.

1972- "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" opens at Wright theater.

1976- Winter term courses are announced for the following January, including the infamous "Glassblowing" class.

1981- The proposal by the Report of the Alcohol Committee to create a student pub is reacted to favorably by the student body.

1984- Environmental Quality and the Political Forum sponsor a nuclear awareness week titled "Strategies for survival." However, the panel discussion could offer no real strategies for surviving the nuclear era, other than hope and education.

1987- The college decides to consolidate the phone system, giving each student an extension of the college switchboard number, 388-3711.

1990- The Committee to Restructure the House System submits a skeletal outline of the co-ed house system, including such stipulations as a minimum requirement of 1/3 of each gender.

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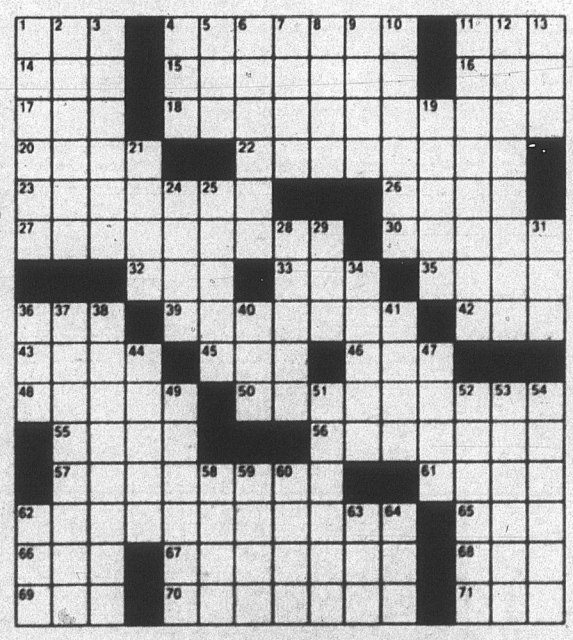

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Burning Questions

Illustration by Amanda Frankel

From the files of Ivan Huber

Q. Dear Ivan, How did "Lucky" Luciano die?

-Chapin Hemphill, a.k.a. Scrapin' Chumphill

A. Darn good question, Chapin, and one all virile red blooded American males should know the answer to. You see, while exiled to Italy, the amorous Charles "Lucky" Luciano had taken to a series of mistresses in his later years; he had also suffered many a powerful heart attack. Having been ordered by his doctor to refrain from all sexual activity with his current lover, a teenage girl, it is widely believed that he failed to heed this warning. He suffered his fatal heart attack in the Naples airport in 1962.

From "The People's Almanac"

Q. How long will a coconut keep without rotting?

-"Caribbean" Chris Carter

A. A coconut left in its husk and stored in a dry place will keep indefinitely. Indeed, coconuts stored in such conditions have been known to keep for 30 years.

From "10,000 Answers to Questions"

Q. Ivan, Friday afternoon, after two long weeks of work, I found myself completely enthralled watching some inane cartoon with two similarly enthralled hall mates (*cellmates*?). Somehow, we got to talking about "Scooby-Doo." Much to our dismay, we could not remember the name of the studly leader of the band. Please tell us what it is. (And maybe go over the other kids names, too.)

-William Reid and Co.

A. Well, William & Co., Scooby-Doo has been enjoyed in several permutations since it premiered in 1969 as the CBS half-hour series, "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?" In 1972, it was expanded to one hour and was renamed "The New Scooby-Doo Movies." In 1976, the series switched to ABC, and with an additional segment featuring the exploits of the Blue Falcon and Dynomutt, became "The Scooby-Doo/Dynomutt Hour." In 1977, the series expanded again to two hours, and several episodes were shown as "Scooby's All Star Laff-A-Lympics." In 1979, Scooby teamed up with his feisty nephew, Scrappy, in "Scooby and Scrappy-Doo." However, the groovers whom your question refers to remained the same throughout. These are the four teenagers traveling throughout the country in their van, the "Mystery Machine", making stops at any town with an abandoned amusement park, foiling crimes of wayward public officials in pursuit of 'the cheap buck.' These groovy teenagers are Freddy (with neck scarf), Daphne (homely but clever), Shaggy (one too many Scooby snacks), and Velma (HOT!).

From "Total Television"

Q. And by the way, where does the name Scooby-Doo come from?

-Same gang as above

A. 'Scoobydoo' is an onomatopoeic jazz term, referring to the imitation of the sound of a musical phrase. It was current between the years 1945 and 1955.

From "Jazz Dictionary"

THIS WEEK IN WORLD HISTORY

23 Oct.	1925	Johnny Carson, television personality, born.
	1956	Hungarian revolt against Communism begun.
24	1788	Sarah J.B. Hale, author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" born.
	1969	King Tutankamen of Egypt was discovered to have died of a blow to the head about 3000 years ago.
25	1340	Geoffrey Chaucer, English poet born (allegedly).
	1854	The Light Brigade charged at Balaclava in the Crimean War.
26	1592	The Papal Legate left England without agreeing to give King Henry VIII his divorce.
27		Feast of St. Procula, wife of Pontius Pilot.
28		Feast of St. Jude Thaddeus, patron of the impossible.

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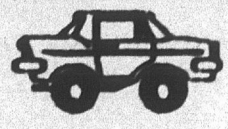

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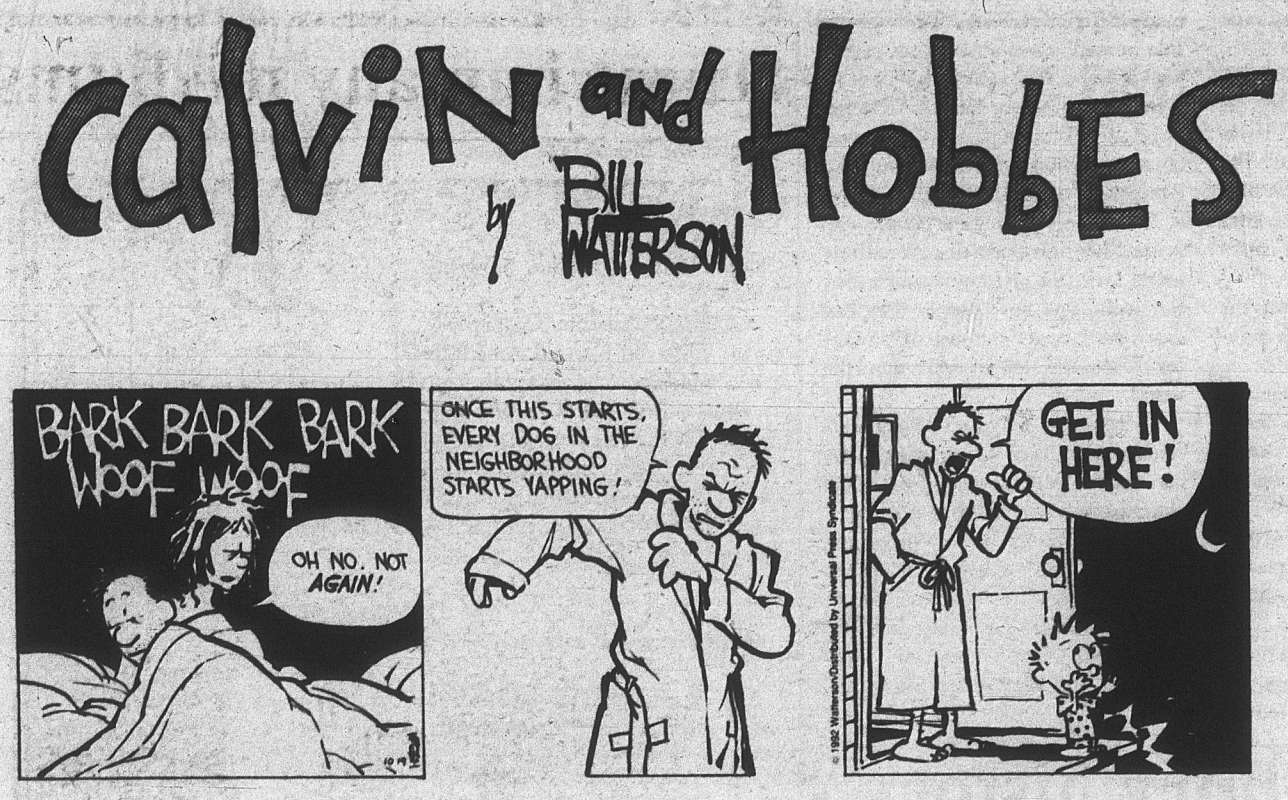
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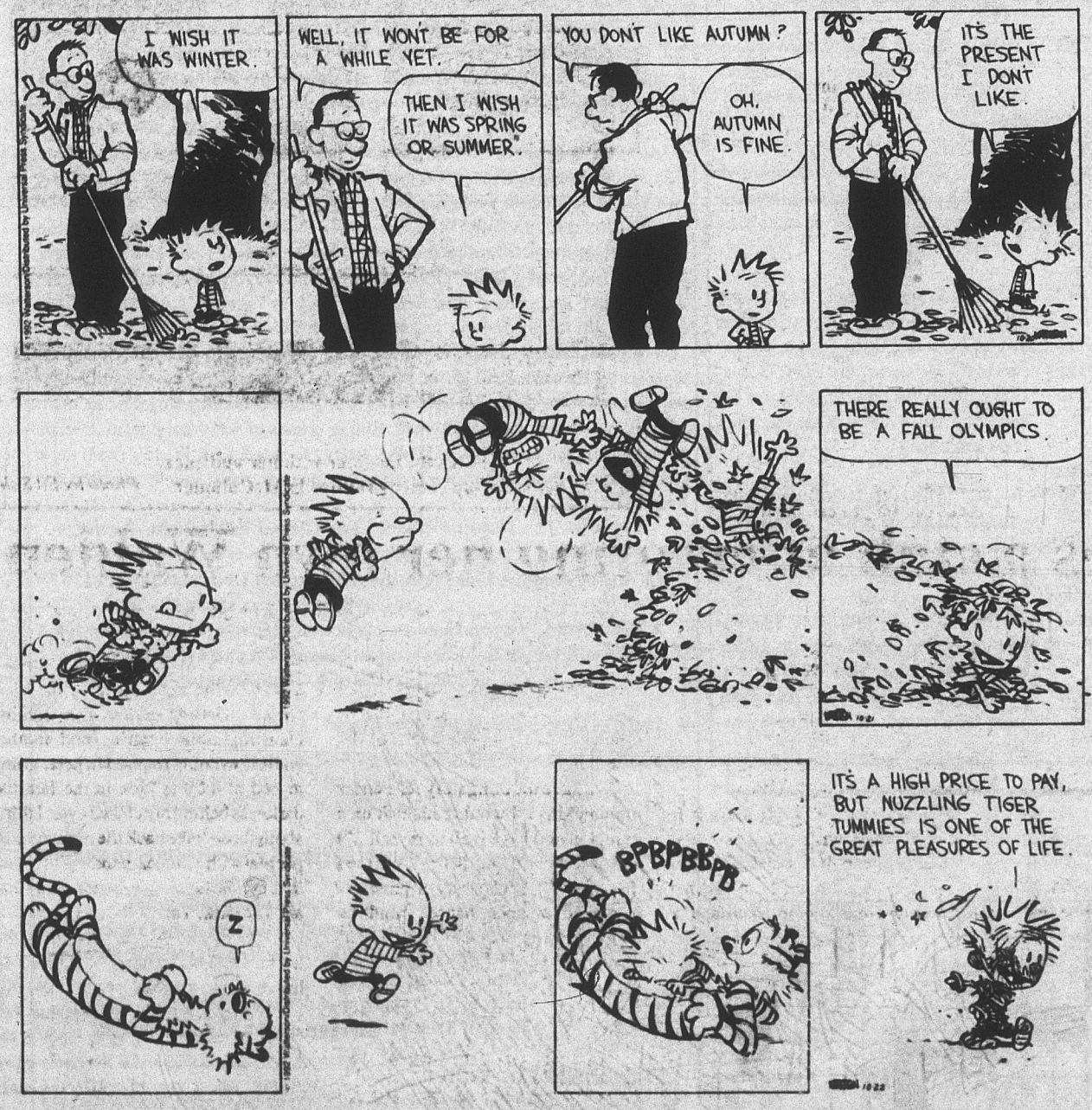
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IT'S A HIGH PRICE TO PAY, BUT NUZZLING TIGER TUMMIES IS ONE OF THE GREAT PLEASURES OF LIFE.
BPBPBBPB
I SAID TO GO OUT LONG! KEEP GOING!
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU CAN THROW THE BALL.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
OK, I'LL STEP CLOSER.
IT'LL BE THE LAST THING YOU EVER DO, YOU FLEA FEAST!
OH YEAH? LET'S SEE IF YOU FIGHT AS BADLY AS YOU THROW!
I GUESS THIS IS ANOTHER INCOMPLETE.
IT'S A GOOD THING WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT SOME OTHER TEAM!
WHERE'S THE BALL?
I DON'T SEE IT.
YOU LOOK OVER THERE AND I'LL LOOK OVER HERE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU WIN OR LOSE, IT'S HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- a lonely Perot supporter

OVERHEARDS:

If Stanger were talking about kegs... - in PS 311

-...because the US wanted to be the big boy on the block... - PS 311 male chauvanist
-Why did the US want to be a boy? - PS 311 professor
-OK—the US wanted to be the big *man* on the block... - still unreformed male chauvanist

Nuclear war spells disaster for people without sunblock.

It reminds me too much of my dead pet. - on dinner in Boston

I'm trying to figure out who in this room I haven't already been naked with. - in Boston on the prospect of strip poker

What I need is sex and beer. - stressed Boston visitor

Get this woman an IV so she won't taste it. - Head of the Charles partier to a teetotaller

Eating at Proctor is like a contact sport. - first-year explaining the art of dining

Ooooh! I know those handcuffs! - at an apartment in Boston

I was accosted by a Hare Krishna this morning. He accused me of being into heavy metal...he was a dropout from Amherst. - in Harvard Square

Are you artificially blond or naturally stupid? - in Midd Florence

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ARTS

Berry proves that political messages come in many mediums

By Shasta Darlington

Bertrice Berry demonstrated with lively humor the serious message that "the very fact that anybody can think that they're better than anyone else simply because they're a different color is absolutely hilarious."

A comedian with a Ph.D., Berry conducted a lecture, "But Some of My Best Friends Are: The Existence of Racism on Campus or in the Work Place," on Tuesday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m. Berry followed her lecture with a stand-up comedy act that evening at 7:30. During her lecture, she explained that she took up humor because it is a powerful tool in combating racism and sexism, while it also allows her to retain her own sanity.

Berry proved all of her theories correct that night as she captivated the entire audience in McCullough. She ended the show with us all holding hands, swaying and singing "Reach out and touch someone" by Donna Summer.

Her humorous lecture introduced her central theme, which is that the end of racism, sexism and homophobia must begin at an individual level. "Politically Correct is not a matter of being politically correct," she explained, "but being correct." Berry gave numerous examples of how racism and all forms of oppression and prejudice have become increasingly subtle in the United States (others are, of course, not so subtle), and then suggested that she combats these trends with humor. When she was confronted with two white women who would not use a public bathroom stall after she had, she proclaimed loudly to her friend, "Be careful... White people have lots of diseases," and was met with a series of understanding nods and pats on the back by the rest of the women in the bathroom. Mutual understanding and respect, she explained, are what we need to foster and encourage in each other.

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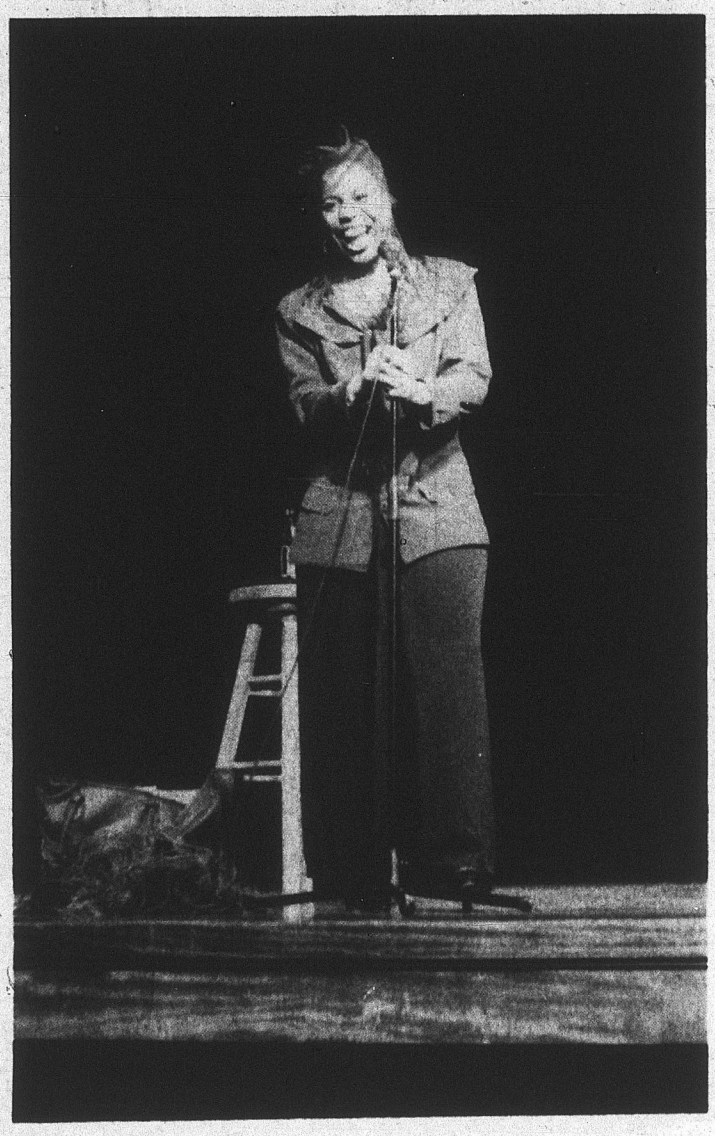
Berry demonstrated the humorous side of her serious message that night as she strutted onto the stage, impersonating Tina Turner and Whoopi Goldberg. She delighted in pointing out the absurd in everyday life, in "connecting the dots" that media calls "isolated incidents." She touched on everything from domestic violence to racism to motherhood to body image, and made us laugh at the absurdity of underlying assumptions. She pointed out that "flesh-tone" stockings did not really suit her. Exclaiming "color me unnatural!" and also noted that she wanted to invent a darker deodorant. After a few more humorous comments she focused on audience participation.

Claiming that we could do anything we put our minds to, Berry called four people up to the stage. After introducing them, she chose the most nervous participant, Duncan, to don a wig and lip sync to Tina Turner, while the other three prepared a back-up dance. When the music started, Duncan did indeed do what he put his mind to, and performed a very involved and seductive rendition of "Proud Mary."

In this light tone, Berry succeeded in demonstrating the more serious points she had made during her lecture. She talked about the importance of actively experiencing diversity, but supported her message with humorous examples of how racism and sexism occur in everyday life. While she focused on demystifying differences and myths, she never let her argument become too heavy.

The audience's reaction was extremely positive, as demonstrated by both the active involvement during Berry's show and the standing ovation given at the end of it. She held a question and answer session after both her lecture and act, during which many students remained to discuss Berry's use of humor in combating racism and sexism, and to discuss how to become more active themselves.

Berry's repeated appearances on the Oprah Winfrey Show, her national popularity as comedian and lecturer, and her own newly syndicated talk show are all tributes to her multifaceted talents, and reflect her own belief that by starting with ourselves we can begin to change. After all, she explained, "if pet rocks can sell, so can the truth."



Bertrice Berry shares the laughter with her audience during her stand-up comedy routine in McCullough. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Thoreau pupil takes a stab at creating her own Walden

By Christa Hawryluk

Recently arrived at the Vermont Bookshop is Susan Baumgartner's "My Walden: Tales From Dead Cow Gulch." As one might guess, the author's fondness for Thoreau has led her to seek her own secluded spot in the world, away from all the other people out there who are busy leading "lives of quiet desperation." Admittedly, it has been several years since I have thoroughly read (no pun intended) "Walden Pond." However, after reading Baumgartner's piece, I felt it necessary to go back and peruse a little of her 19th century inspiration.

What I found was that while Baumgartner's inspiration and sense of enchantment with Thoreau's writing seems to be true and heartfelt, she has not really done much with her Walden theme. It seems that she first discovered Thoreau in her hippie days back at the University of Idaho and really grooved on what he had to say. Wow -- to get a cabin in the woods and live with no electricity or running water -- far out, man!

What she discovered quickly, though, was that while solitude and self-sufficiency may be great, poverty is no fun at all, and she suddenly found herself with an executive job, complete with suits, high heels and power lunches. This too, however, burns our author out after a while, and we find her, as she writes "Tales From Dead Cow Gulch," somewhere in the middle, back in Idaho teaching at the University and spending what time she can alone in her rustic cabin in the woods.

Baumgartner's book is a journal. It is brief, lovingly written, but lacks the depth of "Walden." Of course, Thoreau is a tough example to live up to. But for that reason, one should approach a project such as this with a great deal of thought and imagination. For why copy Walden, when the result would almost certainly be inadequate? Instead, a better approach might be to adapt Thoreau's ideas to an entirely different framework. What we have in "Tales" is a sporadic smattering of Thoreauvian ideas in a text that is otherwise just a simple series of descriptions.

We have the obligatory references to pumpkins ("I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself...") and wood chopping ("They warmed me twice..."), but no truly original bits of advice, or ones that we might be able to find applicable to the state of the world in the late 20th century. There is nothing political in Baumgartner's work; she does not seem to have retreated into the woods to prove anything about herself or her society; she is there because she enjoys the woods and enjoys solitude. She lacks Thoreau's sense of acute and careful observation. There are no strong references to the condition of mankind, nor, as we might expect to find in a work that seems to deal so closely with nature, to how mankind treats its physical surroundings. Instead, she tells us about ticks, slugs, and her outhouse.

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There is a hint, as well, at the beginning of this book, that it is going to focus on feminist issues. The first chapter, entitled "Stars," is about darkness, a fear of the night. "4:23 p.m.," she writes. "Getting darker. I'm fighting claustrophobia. I can't spend another endless evening trapped in here, going to bed at 8:00 to hide in the familiar darkness behind my closed eyes. I think about those 'take back the night' vigils, people with candles banding together in a symbolic confrontation with fear and the dark. Take back the night, Susan. Take it back." Ah, says the reader to herself. This book is about finding a haven in a world that is hostile towards women! But, no, we find that this idea fades quickly too. Instead we meet with stories about the author's computer, which she has affectionately named "pinhead."

This work is not without merits, though. It is a lovely celebration of the peace that may be found through solitude, the solace one may seek in nature. Baumgartner writes with candor and a sense of yearning, as in this passage: "The silence here is so pronounced it is like a sound. I hear the fact that I hear nothing. Freed from the din of civilized life, my ears pick up the faintest whisper of wind through the pines overhead, the secretive rustlings of a field mouse behind me, an undercurrent of life's murmuring that medievalists referred to as the music of the spheres. I go by the 's' words out here - slow, space, silence, solitude."

The only mistake that Baumgartner really made with this work was the title. To go in to the book with such high expectations can only leave a reader feeling somewhat cheated upon conclusion. Thoreau aside, though, "My Walden: Tales From Dead Cow Gulch" is a quick and entertaining read.

Chris Karachale '95 and Pat Sullivan '95 play at the Gamut Room's open mike night. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Two new rock releases meet with mixed reviews

By John Colpitts

Well, this week I have some good news and some bad news. First the bad news. The Boo Radleys' Columbia/ Creation release *Everthing's Alright Forever* is not. With aspirations comparable to the likes of My Bloody Valentine and Medicine, The Boo Radleys instead manage to serve up a platter of unfocused, messy, sonic regurgitation.

The Boo Radleys are characterized by a particular unobtrusive psychedelic poppiness and an unfortunate lack of complexity. Yes, the music has a whole bunch of trippy, distorted guitar effects, but added up, the music equals empty, often ugly, new-agey atmospherics. Their song writing misses more than it hits; they are another band that has discovered that musical proficiency and making music do not necessarily go together. This does not mean there are no good songs on *Everything's*; it just means that their expression is extremely limited. The lyrical mood of the album is one of forgetting; their music is meant to be a retreat in the vein of late '60s flower-child vapidity.

With lines such as, "Remember when we used to stay up all night and laugh?" these songs are sugar for the satisfied. For modern British Pop fans this stuff may be of interest, but even for those this disc could be a disappointment.

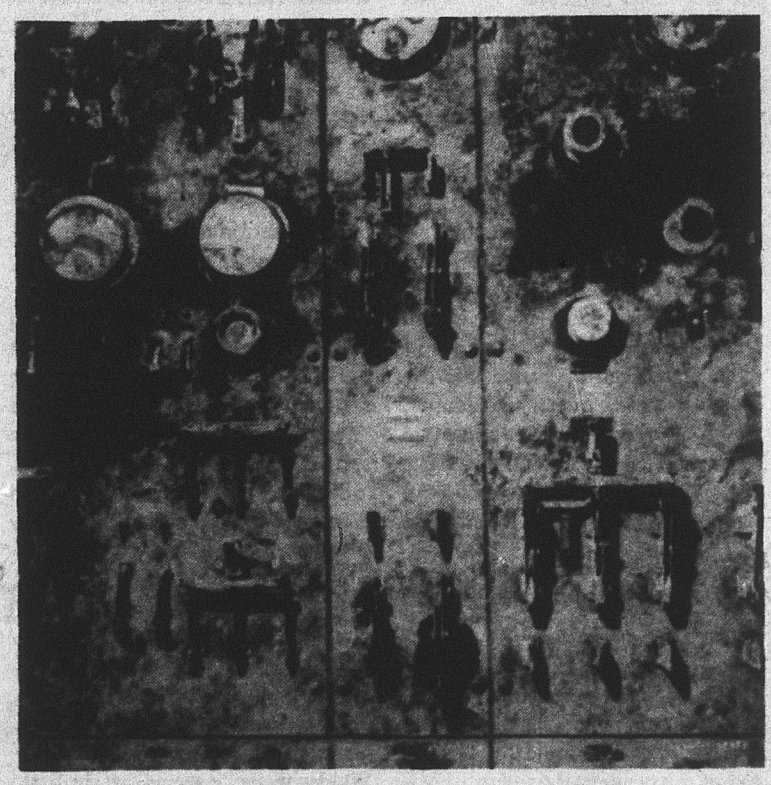
Out of the 14 songs on *Everything's Alright Forever* there are three that deserve mention. On these brief, refreshing moments, The Boo Radleys manage to bring together their scattered ideas into solid, effective song writing. On "Skyscraper," arguably the album's strongest track, there is a focus of melody coupled with a frayed edge, creating an excellent texture. The last two tracks, "Lazy Day" and "Paradise" also give this album some much needed dignity. Look for these songs on singles but steer clear of the album.

The good news is the Screaming Trees' latest Epic release, *Sweet Oblivion*. This album proves that in a pure sense, the Screaming Trees are one of America's last great rock n' roll bands. They are the folk, blues of heartland America electrified. *Sweet Oblivion* is good music and fun to listen to. Singer Mark Lanegan's deep, smooth vocal delivery over guitarist Gary Lee Conner's riffs is a revelatory combination.

But wait, what is all this about American heartland and folk rock? The Screaming Trees are probably not what you think. Although they are a relatively new band from the West Coast they are not the typical area grunge rockers. Their distinctive sound pays tribute to the salad days of late '60s and early '70s rock, with a notably fuller, heavier sound. This album echoes of Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Guess Who, Neil Young, and countless other noteworthy bands. However, although they take inspiration from the past, the Screaming Trees do not wallow under their influences. Instead, they clearly understand the subtleties of the music and manage to create their own distinctive sound.

The album opens with the strong "Shadow of the Season" and follows with the only inferior tracks on the album. "Nearly Lost You," a song included in the Singles Soundtrack album, is pleasant but ultimately lulling. "Dollar Bill," unbelievably, has the same boring riff. These are the only gaffs on an otherwise rocking album. Highlights include the steady Crazy Horse-style ballad "More Or Less," the powerful "Winter Song" and the perfect album closer, "Julie Paradise," a transcendent combination of impassioned vocals and excellent songwriting.

People interested in checking out *Sweet Oblivion* are advised, if possible, to pick up the CD version. Included is the good bonus track, "For Celebrations Past" and therefore helps to offset the two limp numbers mentioned above. If you're looking for great American rock n' roll, you don't have to settle for less.



"Voices" teaches therapeutic side of art

By Christa Hawryluk

Henri Matisse wrote, "When my hand is paraphrasing my feelings, I am very aware if there is any disagreement between the two of us." This connection between the creator and the created is very apparent to anyone who has ever expressed him or herself artistically, but those with no experience with the studio arts in any way, shape, or form may find this a foreign concept.

To discover that one's subconscious as well as conscious may become suddenly visible through a drawing or sculpture, for example, can be a very exciting revelation. Greater understanding about oneself can also result from this probing. This understanding is the object of a program that is currently being conducted at the Frog Hollow State Craft Center called "Voices of Youth."

The State Craft Center has received a grant from the Vermont Council on the Arts as one of 12 participants in this experimental project. If the program proves successful, the National Endowment for the Humanities will consider beginning similar programs across the country.

Right now, "Voices" works as follows: students from the Middlebury Union High School Alternative Education Program will work with Frog Hollow's resident potter Henry Tanaka and Ann Russell from the Counseling Service of Addison County to explore alternative modes of expression and the creative process. The program, which began at the end of September, will run through May of 1993.

Tanaka described one potential project which gives a good idea of the program's aims. Students would create two separate plaster masks of their faces: one representing the person as he or she sees him or herself interacting with peers, and the other with parents or other authority figures.

Tanaka and Russell would then discuss the masks with the student, and try to explore the differences that might arise between the two masks, and what they say about the person that has created them.

This type of "art therapy" is not a new concept, although it has not been widely supported with state or national funding. If successful, "Voices" could prove to be a very instrumenal program in terms of youth counseling.

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Vt. Happenings

The Crossroads Arts Council presents an adaptation of John Steinbeck's **"The Grapes of Wrath" on Saturday, October 24** at the Castleton Fine Arts Center. The performance begins at 8pm and tickets are $25/adults, $14/Seniors, $10/students, and $7 children. For information call 775-5413.

On Sunday, October 25 at 7pm, entertainer **Mandy Patinkin** will appear at Burlington's Flynn Theatre. Patinkin's career includes appearances in "Yentl," "Dick Tracy," "Alien Nation," "The Doctor," and "Princess Bride." In this performance he will be singing numbers from his album, "Mandy Patinkin: Dress Casual."

Bratsch will perform Eastern European gypsy jazz and traditional music at Club Metronome in Burlington on **Wednesday, October 28** at 9pm. For ticket information call the Champlain Valley Festival at 849-6968.

The Flying Karamazov Brothers, juggling everything from pizzas to chainsaws, will be appearing at the Flynn Theatre on **Thursday, October 29**. For more information call 863-8778.

On Friday, October 30 Jez Lowe will perform English traditional and folk music at the Burlington Coffee House at 8pm.

WIZN is throwing a Halloween party featuring **The Samples** at Burlington Memorial Auditorium. Tickets for this **Friday, October 30** extravaganza are $10 general admission and $12.50 the day of the show. Doors open at 7pm and the show is scheduled to begin at 8pm. Call 864-1545 for more information.

The Lane Series presents Intl-Illimani, a Chilean Folk Group, in concert on **Saturday, November 4** at 8pm. The group's music is both traditional and contemporary with lyrics that address their strong political beliefs. The perfromance will be held at the Flynn Theatre and tickets are $25, $17.50, and $10.

The Talich Quartet will perform on **November 20** at the First Congregational Church in Burlington. The performance will include works by Beethoven, Smetna, and Dvorak and will begin at 8pm. For information call the Vermont Mozart Festival at 862-7532.

"Mohicans" builds on current trends

By Chris Hansen

What is so surprising about "The Last of the Mohicans" is that the film seems real. It feels authentic enough to appear that this may have been the way life really was in colonial America.

The film is set in 1757, and portrays a time in colonial history when Native Americans and Europeans were separate but equal. The film establishes the relationship early in the film in a scene in which Native Americans and the white settlers play a game of cricket. Everyone playing is represented as an equal; all racial barriers have been broken down.

The typical American Western set the good guys, white, gun-laden European settlers against the inherently evil, scalp hungry "Injun." The sheriffs wore white, the bandits wore black -- or had red skin. But thankfully, we are living in a more enlightened time in which we have advanced to the point to see issues from the other side. "Dances with Wolves" showed us that it may have been a little unfair on the part of the settler to kill off a tribe or two. But did we really see it from the Native American point of view? Kevin Costner leans toward the Euro-American side.

What is quite admirable about "The Last of the Mohicans" is that it avoids many of the labels and stereotypes that most films of this sort lapse into so easily. It realizes that there was a time in the history of this land that at least some white folks knew a few members of the local tribes, and many Native Americans welcomed the new setlers to their territory and even gave them pointers on how to live there at peace.

The hero of the film is British born, but Mohican raised. His spirit is Mohican, but his blood, though bonded with the tribe, is European. His brother and his father are the last two Mohicans alive. His friends are the local European settlers. He is fluent in the Mohican language, as well as English. And, as this is Hollywood talking, his

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love is the fairest white-skinned beauty in the film.

But, he personifies the ideal -- the solution to the clash of the European and Native American worlds. He becomes a synthesis; he is an individual colonizer who lays stake to a part of the Americas, on the terms of the people who lived there before him.

The historical backdrop to the film is the endearing relationship the French and the British have always seemed to have for one another, this time manifesting as an all-out brawl for the American territories. European is pitted against European, but Native Americans are involved in the fight as well, not as slaves, or prisoners, but as willing allies to each side of the battle.

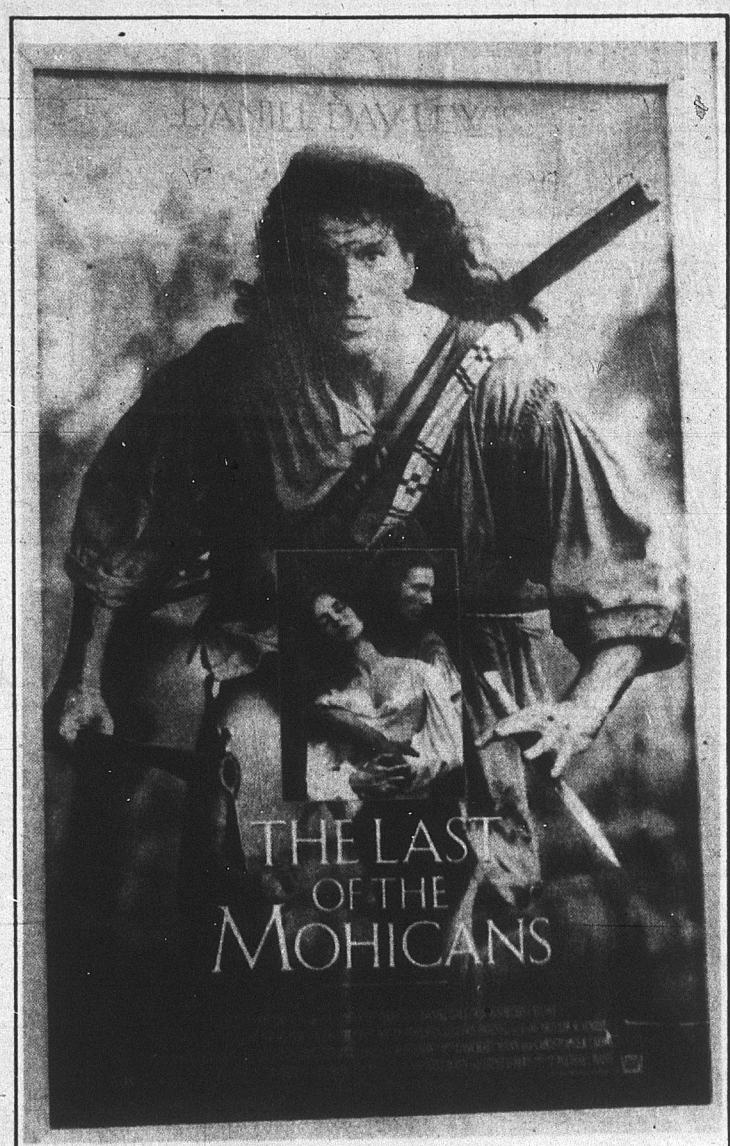
Thus, tribe is fighting against tribe. One tribe member is just as likely to kill a man from another tribe as an Englishman is likely to kill a Frenchman. By portraying this the film educates us about the diversity among the Native American peoples. Every tribe in Northern America was not, and is not the same. They are neither all the bad red savages of old Westerns, nor all innocent victims of European dominance. They are people. And, as with all people, some are savage, and some are innocent.

In a similar vein, the rugged individual settler "Little House on the Prairie" type of film often showed man struggling against nature to show the distinction between people and the earth. The flip side to this is the more current attitude: "human kind has slam danced a little too long on its dear mother, and momma is mad, so watch out cuz we are in for it."

"Mohicans" opts to present a more optimistic and positive viewpoint. It portrays an attitude towards the earth that it wholeheartedly hopes for us to follow. By placing its characters in nature (a nature of the 18th century that had been relatively untouched by mankind) it establishes an ideal. This ideal is that people and nature are a part of the same. We are supposed to fit right in with nature -- this is where we belong.

This film is striking for the way it allows the viewer see a different culture, and nature in a more complex and realistic way. It may convince people that our differences are a wonderful thing and a source of our strength as a nation, and as a world.

The movie is a breathtaking spectacle in the way it is filmed. The scenery, the detail in costumes, sets, and every other aspect of the film, and the complexity in preserving the authentic identity of each culture, tribe, and people it presents, all weave together to form a convincing whole.



Daniel Day-Lewis in "The Last of the Mohicans." *Photo by Adonia Henry*

Week at a glance

•**On Thursday, October 22** and **Friday, October 22** at 8pm, the department of Theatre, Dance and Film/Video presents **"Iphigenia at Aulis"** and **"Iphigenia at Tauris."** The performance is the 500 project of Josh Bradford and Ginny Reel, and the music is composed and performed by Alicia Matthewson. Admission is $2 with ID and $3 without. Tickets are available at the Box Office in the Arts Center (x7469) and the play will be held in Wright Theatre.

•At 8pm on **Friday, October 22**, Community Friends is sponsoring an evening with singer **Holly Near**. Tickets are $16 with proceeds going to benefit Community Friends and the performance will be held in Mead Chapel.

•Pianist **Tatiana Nickolayeva** will perform in the Arts Center Concert Hall on **Friday, October 23** at 8pm. She will be playing Shostakovich's Preludes and Fugues numbers 13 - 24. Tickets are $10 general or $4 for students.

•The **MCAB Student, Faculty, Staff Talent Show** will be held for all students and parents in McCullough on **Friday, October 23** at 9pm. Admission is free.

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BY G.B. TRUDEAU

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GOOD AFTERNOON, FIRST SECRETARY BREZHNEV!
GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE AN UPDATE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
FIRST SECRETARY, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO TIGHTEN OUR GRIP. THE PARTY IS BEING PURGED TO ABOUT 65% OF MEMBERSHIP LEVEL BEFORE OUR INVASION!
GOOD, GOOD...
10-19
COMRADE SECRETARY? THERE IS AN AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENT HERE TO SEE YOU.
WHAT? SHOW HIM IN! IMMEDIATELY!
MOSCOW-DECEMBER, 1969
MR. BREZHNEV, I'LL COME RIGHT TO THE POINT...
I'M A YOUNG AMERICAN STUDENT, AND I'D LOVE TO ORGANIZE SOME ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS ON FOREIGN SOIL!
I SEE. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE A USEFUL IDIOT, A DUPE FOR THE KGB?
NO, NO, I COULDN'T DO THAT. I HAVE TO PROTECT MY POLITICAL VIABILITY...
10-20
BUT LOOK— LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T FIND SOME MIDDLE GROUND.
HMM... THIS YOUNG MAN IS SLICK...
THEN IT'S SETTLED! I'LL ORGANIZE SOME ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS WHILE MY COUNTRYMEN ARE DYING A HALF A WORLD AWAY!
GOOD, GOOD.
10-21
WELL, I BETTER BE GETTING BACK TO ENGLAND...
YOU ARE A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN, AMERICAN STUDENT! I WOULD COMPARE YOU TO TOKYO ROSE OR HO CHI MINH!
WELL, I JUST HOPE NOBODY FINDS OUT I'VE BEEN HERE.
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL HAVE ONE OF OUR AGENTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT REMOVE THE VISA PAGES FROM YOUR PASSPORT FILE.
GOTCHA! HA, HA! GOTCHA!
GEORGE? GEORGE, WAKE UP...
IT WAS JUST A DREAM?
GEORGE, IT'S FOUR IN THE MORNING...
YEAH, BUT COULDA HAPPENED. COULDA. WON'T KNOW UNTIL HE LEVELS WITH... GETS THE FACTS OUT... NOT SAYING HE WAS IN A TREASON MODE, BUT COULDA HAPPENED. GOTTA TALK ABOUT IT.
10-22
COULD TURN THE CAMPAIGN AROUND. THE TRUST THING. AMERICAN PEOPLE COULD SAY, "HEY, FOUR MORE YEARS."
YOU'RE STILL DREAMING, GEORGE.
HEY, WORKS. GOTTA.
GOTTA GET SOME SLEEP... GOTTA BE IN... Z-CITY...
10-23
GOTTA... GET... ZZZZ!
HOLD IT! Y'ALL ARE KGB?
TOO LATE, MY LITTLE LOVEBIRD! WE HAVE PHOTOS!
GOT HIM! GOT HIM!
GEORGE, I'M MOVING INTO THE GUEST ROOM.
MR. PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTACK GOVERNOR CLINTON AGAIN, OR SHALL WE GO TO OUR CALLERS?
LET'S GO TO THE CALLERS, LARRY...
...AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY. THE CALLERS ARE GOOD, DECENT AMERICANS. NOT SAYING THIS BIG-SPENDING DEMOCRAT GUY ISN'T. WOULDN'T DO THAT. NOT PRUDENT.
EVEN THOUGH, GOTTA SAY, TRIPS TO MOSCOW, MEETINGS, RAISES QUESTIONS. BUT, HEY, DON'T CRY FOR ME, LEONID. WAS THERE AN UNPATRIOTIC ANGLE? CAN'T SAY. WOULDN'T BE FAIR.
10-24
UM... OKAY. OUR FIRST CALLER IS...
KGB? TREASON? CAN'T SAY. DON'T HAVE THE FACTS.

This is like B-team soccer playing against Lower Proctor. - senior at an intramural game

Let me touch your lamp and I'll let you touch mine. - one senior to another

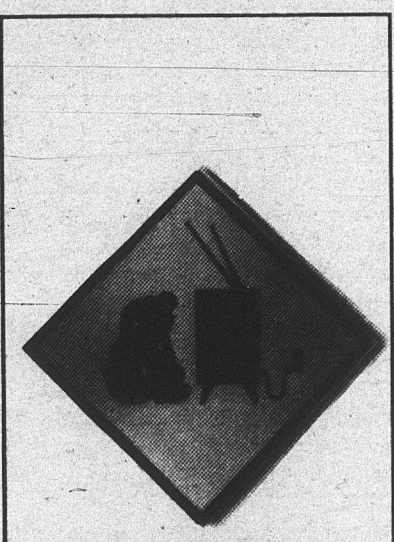
He was riding me, we hit a bump and I practically fell off. - senior woman

His lips are too hard, and other parts don't get hard enough. It's like making out with his back.

It doesn't matter how fast you go, just as long as you pull out! - sophomore woman playing Tetris

She is SO HOT! - sophomore male editor referring to a female within earshot

Could you stand with your legs a little further apart? - 4 women to a junior man in Gifford



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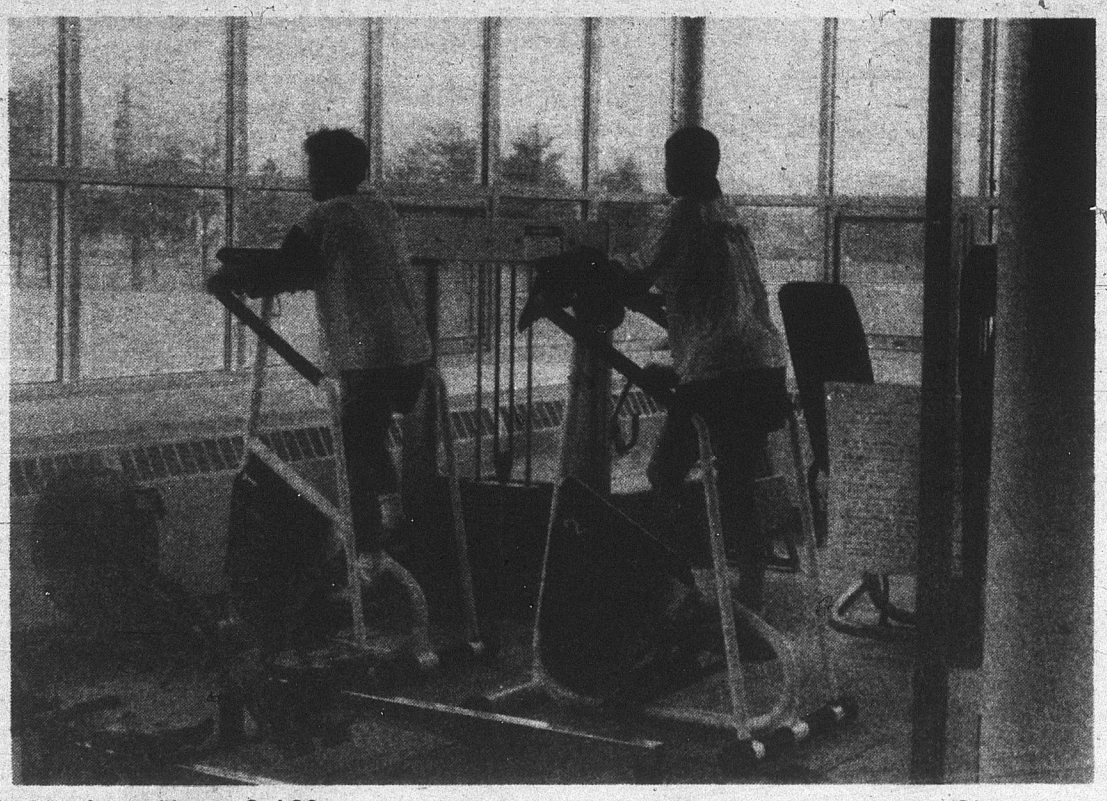

Students fully utilize the StairMasters. *Photo by Ed Soh*

StairMaster climbs in popularity

By Alexandra Cole

Here at Middlebury, the desire to exercise attracts students to the fitness center in droves. It is not unusual to see many people lined up beside the fitness machines waiting for their daily dose of aerobic activity. The exercise machine of choice for many students is the StairMaster 4000.

One reason for the StairMaster's popularity is its variety of program options, such as Pikes Peak, Manual or Blast Off. Amy Kimball '92 prefers the Interval Training. "I like this program the best because the resistance comes in waves—fast, slow, fast, slow," she said. Sara Switzer '93 said, "Blast Off is a challenge for me because I enjoy the intense ride to the top."

StairMaster is an excellent form of exercise, however you can do yourself a great disservice if you are not using the proper form. Allure magazine warns against "StairMaster elbow," a term coined by fitness expert David Essel. This infliction, caused by chronic overuse and improper form, can be avoided with a small adjustment of the arms. Clinging to the side rails for support or using the inverted elbow technique may help you catch your breath, but can lead to tendinitis.

According to Sport/Fitness Risk Management Inc., there is a one-in-three chance of injury to your knees, back and/or ankles. Alexis Pelletier '93, who has had reconstructive knee surgery says, "I find the StairMaster 4000 does not bring me to my knees like other step machines. I am unable to use the LifeStep machines available at some other fitness centers. So be careful."

The StairMaster provides an excellent lower body workout and especially tones the calf muscles, quadriceps and gluteal muscles.

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Self magazine offers tips on how to maximize your workout. It claims that you will burn more calories if you lean your hands gently on the side rails. To achieve your potential fitness level on the StairMaster, you must lean forward slightly and use moderate to long pedal

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Margolis sheds light on stress phenomenon

By Hilary Seiden

Having just returned from October break, one would assume that students would be much more relaxed and well rested. Wrong! In fact, many students sometimes feel as though they need another vacation.

After all, how can we possibly feel at ease when we have had midterms and papers looming over our heads the entire weekend? On top of that, students have the added worries of financial concerns, family issues, personal relationships, etc. In other words, we're all feeling stressed out.

According to Director of Counseling and Human Relations Center, Gary Margolis, this feeling of stress is quite natural and is one of the primary things he discusses with those whom he counsels. "Very few people don't experience stress at different levels of intensity," Margolis said. Margolis said that stress is universal and that there are developmental moments which exacerbate stress.

Those reentering or finishing college are a large majority of stress victims, as well as those coping with injury or illness, and people who are experiencing family, or intimate relationship problems. Margolis cited overly positive self-expectations as a prime source of stress for Middlebury students.

Margolis explained that there exist a variety of ways to respond to stress. He said stress is related to our diet, exercise and sleep patterns. "What we do in areas to decrease or add sugar or salt ultimately adds to stress," Margolis said.

He noted alcohol and drugs as two substances in particular which effect stress. Another stress factor is one's self confidence. "How we feel about ourselves effects how we feel about other things," Margolis stated. Margolis believes one of the best ways to reduce stress is to organize one's time and set priorities. One must decide what is most important and realize it's impossible accomplish everything at once.

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Margolis feels when under stress one should take time out to care for oneself. He emphasized the importance of recess time which often relieves pressure.

Some stress indicators including feeling agitated, anxious, depressed, changes in diet and or sleeping habits, and alterations in relation to alcohol and drug intake. Margolis advises any

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Frozen yogurt finally hits Proctor

By Jules Kaufman

Proctor has finally installed a frozen yogurt machine in response to the increasing demands of students. In the past, there has been a great demand to have frozen yogurt available in the dining halls. If you take a look at the napkin comment board in Proctor you will notice a series of requests form students desperately urging Middinning to buy frozen yogurt. One woman writes, "please get frozen yogurt, it's good for your heart." Students have been leaving the dining halls unsatisfied and race to the Crest Room to finish their meals with frozen yogurt. The Crest Room workers say that at around dinner time there is consistently a long line at the frozen yogurt machine, particularly comprised of women.

Although some find frozen yogurt to be delicious, it is important not to think of it as a meal substitute. This practice denies the body the necessary vitamins. It also introduces a lot of unnecessary materials into the system. Plus, many people forget that although yogurt is low-cal, it is not no-cal. There are calories, and not particularly good

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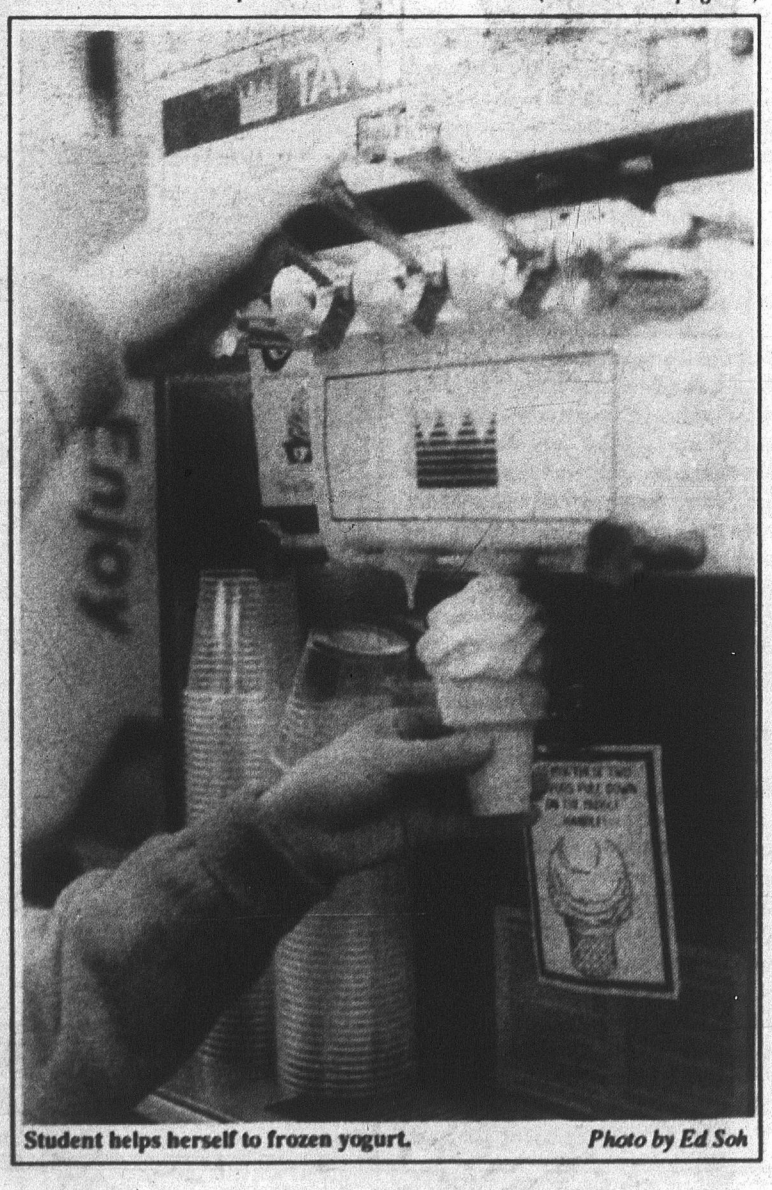

Student helps herself to frozen yogurt. *Photo by Ed Soh*

How to avoid that first-year (or sophomore, junior, senior) 15

By Katie Roberts

It's social, it's fun, and hey it's just plain necessary...eating, that is. But college students, especially first-year students are notorious for putting on more weight than usual. A lot of it has to do with their crazy eating schedules and poor eating habits. To escape this vile fate, you don't need to live at the fitness center or avoid the Crest Room. Some simple modifications in what you eat, not how much you eat should do the trick. If you want to lose weight or just improve your diet, cutting down on fat, sugar and sodium, and eating more fiber will fill you up and give you more energy.

If you want to consume less fat, start by switching to low fat dairy products. Instead of drinking two percent milk, change to skim- it doesn't have any fat. As much as possible, avoid whole milk process, such as processed cream cheese. If you have ice-cream cravings, try to substitute low- or non- fat frozen yogurt or ice milk. At lunch and dinner, if you want a hot meal, choose the chicken or fish alternative instead of the red meat one. And, if you are in the mood for a sandwich, make it with veggies or turkey since bologna, salami and cheese tend to contain more fat. Mayonnaise, margarine and butter are added extras which really raise your fat intake.

If you do get the munchies between meals, don't feel guilty. Having a healthy diet doesn't mean starving yourself. You can still snack and feel good about yourself if you do it nutritiously.

It's wise not to eat a lot of sugar. An easy and painless way to do this is to mix fresh fruit with plain yogurt instead of eating the commercially prepared stuff. Choose unsweetened cereal like Rice Crispies or Cheerios over ones that are pre-sweetened, like Frosted Flakes and Captain Crunch. You can always add a little sugar yourself, if it's absolutely necessary. Since soda and fruit juice are loaded with sugar, try drinking water and unsweetened vegetable juices instead.

Eating less salt will also improve your diet. You can still eat the same foods, just go for the unsalted versions. However, soy sauce and ketchup have got a high sodium content, so try and eat that hamburger plain. If what you're eating tastes too bland, flavor it with some Mrs. Dash or pepper.

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The secrets behind your notebook doodles

By Hilary Selden

If you find yourself constantly scribbling on your notebook in class, rather than taking notes, you are classified as an official "doodler," according to the new "Doodle Dictionary," by Nancy Nelson and Alice Landry. These two women are registered art therapists and have written a guide which gives the full meaning to the doodles, loops and squiggles that comprise the various designs we subconsciously draw.

The book says that approximately two thirds of the population admit to being doodlers. Even those who claim they never doodle are probably not aware of the fact that they do. The "Doodle Dictionary" explains, saying 'I don't doodle' is like telling a psychiatrist 'I don't dream.' Doodling is a type of therapy in and of itself, and is a form of communication which Sigmund Freud used in analyzing behavior.

There are several "doodle hints" which can clue you into the symbols behind your drawings.

For example, a heavily drawn doodle indicates the doodler is feeling tense. A light scribble, on the other hand, is a sign of hesitancy and shyness.

Horizontal lines represent femininity and defensiveness, whereas vertical ones are a sign of masculinity and forcefulness.

If your doodles are large and in the center of the page, you are a show-off who has high expectations. If you are making small designs at the bottom of the page you are more of a depressed, pessinmistic doodler.

Each specific picture one draws with such scribbles, whether dark or light, straight or curvy, has a very specific underlying message.

If you draw the alphabet, you are probably an efficient person who keeps records and categorizes every thing from your compact disks to your socks.

Doodling is a type of therapy in and of itself, and is a form of communication which Sigmund Freud used in analyzing behavior.

Boxes are drawn by those who are responsive to emotions. A three dimensional box is a sign of a desire to solve problems. A series of boxes inside of one another means you're crowded and frustrated. A breast design indicates resilience. Large ones are for strong oral needs, and small ones are a sign of personal discomfort with this part of the anatomy.

Cars stand for progress, and airplanes indicate a lack of concentration and the need for a vacation.

Circles are symbols of playfulness, happiness, and creativity.

Eyes show how you see the world. If they're small and shut, you're self absorbed and slightly abrasive.

If they're big, you're overly sensitive, bordering on frantic. One eye in the center of a face means you're suspicious.

Lastly, if you happen to be one who draws ice cream cones all over your notebook paper, you might consider saving this particular design to draw in the privacy of your dorm room on some scratch paper.

This design is a sign of sexual hunger. If your ice cream cone has a double scoop with nuts you are clearly in need of sex. Well, according to the "Doodle Dictionary" you are anyway.

To find out more about the meaning of your doodles you should purchase a copy of "The Doodle Dictionary" which is published by Doubleday and can be found in most bookstores around the United States.

First-year 15

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healthy diet doesn't mean starving yourself.

You can still snack and feel good about yourself if you do it nutritiously. Fresh fruit and vegetables, toasted whole-grain English muffins, bagels and bread, rice cakes, unbuttered and unsalted popcorn, pretzels, teas, peanut butter and low-fat yogurts are all good choices. Eating well should not be a chore, otherwise it will become frustrating and you'll ditch it all together.

The occasional splurge won't kill you. After all, it would be very depressing to live in a world void of Ben and Jerry's ice cream and Zachary's pizza, wouldn't it?

Frozen Yogurt

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ones. The calories are empty. Filling up on "empty" type of substances short-changes the body. The shortage of nutrients makes a person hungrier. Your system will begin to crave the nutrients lacking in your diet, and more will have to be ingested for satisfaction.

Everything is measured in terms of relativity. If you compare ice cream, for example, to frozen yogurt, yogurt is relatively better to eat as a snack. There is less fat, less cholesterol, and yogurt has only 110 calories per four fluid ounces; roughly half a cup.

However, one must remember that less is not always more. Although there are fewer calories, yogurt has little nutritional value.

Although it contains 10 percent of the US recommended daily allowance of protein and 15 percent of calcium, there is less than two percent of the US recommended daily allowance for iron, Vitamin A or Vitamin C. In fact, it is very difficult to even obtain a specific analysis of frozen yogurt, because each brand and flavor differ.

The new machine in the dining hall is a great idea for a alternative treat. It provides us with a tasty, low fat snack or dessert that can make the Proctor dining experience much more enjoyable, as well as more nutritious.

Stairmaster

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strokes. Peter Vasapolli, a trainer at Apex Fitness Studios in New York City, has warned his clients about using short steps. "The longer your stride, the more you work your glutes."

Another alternative while exercising is to stand backward on the machine. Not only are you spared from watching the blinking red dots, but this provides a slightly different workout by putting the stress on muscles that may be under utilized during the rest of your workout. Specifically, this alternate position works calves and hamstrings.

Some exercisers recommend spending half the time forward and half the time backward in order to get the most out of the workout. Ashley Kincheloe '93 says, "I usually turn around towards the end because it breaks up the monotony of the act."

Many exercisers uses the StairMaster three to four times a week to increase their heart rate and cardiovascular capabilities.

One Middlebury High School student comes to the fitness center a couple of times a week to strength her calf muscles and to stay in shape for the lacrosse season.

The StairMaster is an integral part of many workouts here at Middlebury. It is a great way to get your daily aerobic activity, while also toning many muscles in your legs.

When used in conjunction with other fitness machines in the fitness center, such as the bicycle or the treadmill, you will achieve the ultimate workout.

Stress

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one who is experiencing these stress signals to discuss it with a friend or close relation. He does not think it is good to be isolated or alone when under such pressure. If stress persists beyond comfort, Margolis recommends seeking health related services. He said one of the terrific aspects of college students is their resilience, and ability to resolve such problems.

"Stress can also be viewed as positive," Margolis added. While too much stress is overwhelming, people under stress often have a lot of vitality in their life engagements. This excitement can be good, making one feel alive and connected.

Middlebury recycling program remains underused

By Greg Lewicki

There is widespread confusion about Middlebury's recycling program; a lot of people want to do their part to help clean up the environment and preserve our ever-diminishing supply of natural resources, but simply do not know what to do.

Many people, already overwhelmed by work, sports, clubs, etc., do not take the time to inquire about recycling procedures. Therefore, if no one explains it to them, they simply don't recycle.

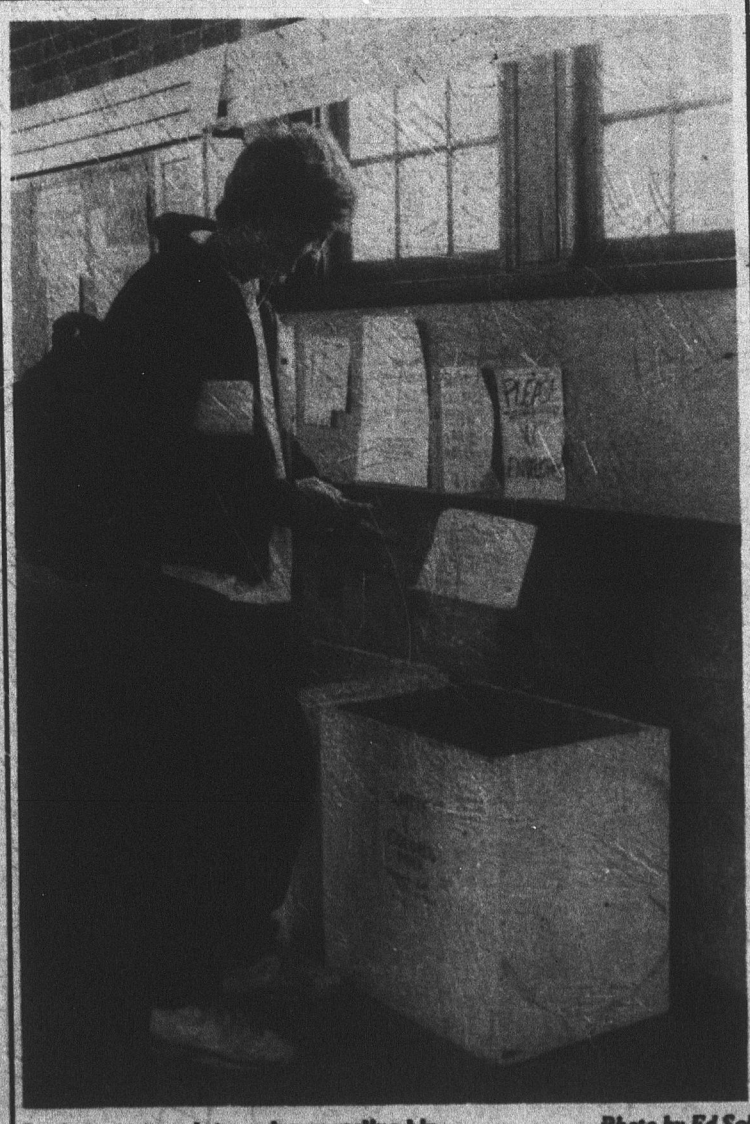
When one student was asked hat he uses his recycling bins for he responded, "all those bins are good for is spitting [chewing tobacco] into."

Another student had no idea what purpose the bin in his dorm served at all. Most students say they use their bins for trash. Occupants of one room in Gifford said that they didn't "believe" in recycling. Furthermore there are some rooms in Allen that don't even have recycling bins in them; the occupants of these rooms said that they had put their bins into the hall for people to put cans and bottles into, they didn't realize that they could recycle their paper products.

While the majority of students are willing to recycle, only a small fraction of those people understand the system fully.

The process of recycling is really quite simple : dump all of your plastic, glass, cans, newspapers, magazines, and paper (both white and colored, but no envelopes) into the blue recycling bin which should have been in your room when you arrived this semester. Once your bin is full, take it to the centralized recycling area in your dorm, where there are separate containers for the different types of recyclable items. Your job is now complete; the next stage is for the recycling workers to take all of the recyclables to the recycling center.

The key to Middlebury's recycling program is individual responsibility; there are no recycling police to break down doors and force students to dig all of the recyclables out of your trash. Therefore, it is up to the students themselves to decide whether or not you want to help save our environment by recycling.



Student contemplates using recycling bin. *Photo by Ed Soh*

HELP YOUR HEART RECIPES

American Heart Association

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan that would not include more than 30 percent of daily calories from fat.

Spaghetti With Zesty Marinara Sauce

Punctuate your passion for pasta with a taste of Italy.

1 Tbsp.	olive oil	2 tsp.	sugar
2	large cloves garlic, crushed	1/8 tsp.	hot red pepper flakes, or to taste
1	large onion, finely chopped	1 cup	water
1 6-ounce	can no-salt-added tomato paste	1/4 cup	red wine
2 Tbsp.	minced fresh parsley	1	bay leaf
1 1/4 tsp.	Italian herb seasoning	1 8-ounce	can no-salt-added tomato sauce
1/2 tsp.	dried basil	1 16-ounce	can no-salt-added tomatoes, crushed, with liquid
1/8 tsp.	salt	16 ounces	spaghetti noodles
	Plenty of freshly ground black pepper	1/2 cup	grated Parmesan cheese, or to taste

Heat oil in a heavy non-aluminum skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté until limp.

Stir in tomato paste, parsley, herbs, salt, black pepper, sugar and pepper flakes. Cook 3 or 4 minutes, stirring often.

Bring water, wine, bay leaf, tomato sauce, tomatoes and liquid from tomatoes to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Remove bay leaf.

Cook spaghetti according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain and serve with sauce. Sprinkle dish with Parmesan cheese.

Note: The sauce freezes well.

Makes 8 servings (2 ounces spaghetti and 1/2 cup sauce per serving).

Nutritional Analysis per Serving

332	Calories	5 mg	Cholesterol	2 gm	Saturated Fat
13 gm	Protein	195 mg	Sodium	1 gm	Polyunsaturated Fat
60 gm	Carbohydrates	5 gm	Total Fat	2 gm	Monounsaturated Fat

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OPINIONS

Students did not violate off-campus agreement

The Off-Campus agreement promises to be a controversial issue for some time to come. From the looks of the last Community Council meeting, which was punctuated by emotional and inappropriate outbursts, it appears as if many have already made up their minds and that which follows at a Student Government Association meeting is a mere formality.

It also appears as if this issue has expanded to the point where a negative reaction to the administration's position might result in a loss of credibility for the SGA. We believe that a thorough and disciplined analysis of the information available about the content and context of the agreement is necessary.

Indeed, we believe that it is the responsibility of those involved to fully understand the issues.

A comprehensive examination will reveal that the College:

1) signed an agreement that was deliberately vague,

2)refers to a Trustee mandate which does not exist, and

3) that the former Fraternity leadership has, in fact, fully lived up to the terms of both the written and oral agreements.

These agreements came about for several reasons: the Trustees chose to eliminate single-sex organizations from campus, and the Community Council voted to "prohibit participation by students in all-male fraternities during their time at the college with serious penalties including suspension the result of such participation."

Faced with this 'death penalty,' the IFC came to the administration in an attempt to compromise. The result was the written and oral agreements.

These agreements offered mutual advantage: off-campus organizations were not prohibited and the College did not have to take a hard-line position. We assert that the terms of the written and oral agreement have been adhered to by the signers.

The essential question is: why is this debate centered around an oral agreement?

The essential question is: why is this debate centered around an oral agreement? The Emerson Memo concerning the oral Off-Campus Agreement is filled with terms like "extensive, explicit (five times), clear, ensuring, insisted." Yet they chose not to put it in writing. Why?

Because President Light insisted " that this [the oral Compromise Agreement] be very explicit even though [President Light] felt it unnecessary to make the written document be any more explicit than it is in its last paragraph.(Oral Agreement)"This statement shows the clear approval of the ambiguous nature of the written Agreement.

If we now look at that which is explicit in the last paragraph of the agreement, we find nothing of substance except a statement of support for "the goals established by the Board of Trustees" for changes in the house system. These goals say nothing about the establishment of off-campus fraternities.

To be fair, it is possible that the 'last paragraph' was a misstatement. A search of the remainder of the written Off-Campus Agreement turns up the statement that "no coeducational house can maintain a house off-campus." There is no question that this part of the agreement has been observed.

By carefully examining the written Agreement, the complete compliance of the signers can be observed. In addition, the absence of a Trustee restriction concerning off-campus fraternities is apparent. With this issue resolved, the question of the oral agreement can be addressed.

The oral agreement was approved by the Fraternity leaders of that time, with the explicit knowledge that they would not "be held responsible for a decision by an individual member to 'split' and go off-campus.

Dean Lindholm, Dean Emerson, Dean Hanson, Frank Kelly, Sarah Taylor, Tom Kovach, and Tom Nuovo are all on record as acknowledging the possibility of "splinter groups".

The leaders, at that time, of the two fraternities in question, Chi Psi and Zeta Psi, went to their national conventions and requested permission for by-law changes in order to comply with the wishes of the administration.

In the case of Rich Cochran, three specific attempts were made to change the by-laws. In each case they were denied.

In spite of the efforts of those who signed or agreed to the documents in question, certain

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PROCTOR WOMAN RUNS AMOK

Liberal education must include the great ideas

Rarely do students or scholars question those ideas and practices that are most accepted and well-loved; few even attempt to recognize what these are.

I was refreshed, therefore, to find that Danielle Berry, in her editorial "Study of Language is not a Liberal Art," was brave enough to inquire into the proper role in liberal education of the program of modern languages.

She writes, "I question the appropriateness of a major in [modern languages since] it is...undeniable that the focus in studying these languages is their practical use after college."

Accepting for now that her premise is true, Ms. Berry has touched upon an important and difficult question; does liberal education have an aim beyond utility? Is the acquisition of knowledge primarily for practical purposes?

I believe that Ms. Berry is correct in using the analogy between education and agriculture, likening learning to the cultivation of soil. But such a comparison presupposes that there are certain fruits to be grown, that there is a certain end to be had.

It is dangerously incorrect to assert, as she does, that "liberal education has its basis in the belief of knowledge for the sake of knowledge." This claim is hollow.

Liberal education intends to free us from the constraint of mistaken opinions.

Why is knowledge for the sake of knowledge better than shopping for the sake of shopping, or lechery for the sake of lechery? Again, what justification is there for education besides its usefulness?

One answer may be found in "The Republic." In Book VII, Plato tells us that we begin our lives as if in a cave, chained so that in the gloom, we can see only the shadows of false images cast on the wall by a flickering fire.

Education removes our bonds and leads us "along the rough, steep, upward way" to observe the sun.

It turns the soul around "until it is able to endure looking at that which *is*...for the sake of knowing what is always, and not at all what is at any time coming into being and passing away."

The aim is a comprehensive knowledge of the true nature of the whole. Liberal education intends to free us from the constraint of mistaken opinions.

Today, we enjoy the belief that we are already free, mentally as well as politically, that we have escaped the dogma of former ages; we are the first to "dwell above the Veil." But the past has been rejected not through any careful examination of our own; rather, we have blindly subscribed to the prevailing opinion.

There has been no confrontation with many fundamental questions; we have let others answer them for us. It is possible that we possess part of the truth, but which part, and what is the rest?

Unlike Socrates, we do not know what we do not know. Our beliefs have sprung from ignorance instead of inquiry, and are in desperate need of questioning.

We must turn to those great works which, to use Plato's analogy, bring us nearest the sun. In studying these works, as Leo Strauss mentions in his essay "What is Liberal Education?," we cannot help but realize that the great minds are in disagreement, that large dissimilarities separate them.

Yet we may test and compare them: how does Aristotle's view regarding what is best compare with that of Aquinas, Shakespeare, Locke, Tolstoy, and Racine?

We may even dare to hold up to their light our cherished belief "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to protect these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

It falls upon us to endeavor honestly and assiduously to understand what these minds have to tell us, then to judge as best we can the truth.

In saying this, I do not propose a Great Books program. Many students do not have the desire to spend four years investigating the thoughts of these authors. Certainly, other sub-

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Culpepper Springs

By Margaret Wright

"...So I ran really, really fast into the bathroom, and I sat down really, really quick without even looking because I had to go so bad and ohmyGod I didn't know my brother had gone before me and I totally fell in, ohmyGod it was so traumatic...um...hee... has that ever happened to you?"

There will always be a few second pause after you've revealed that secret embarrassing occurrence. You'll hold your breath, or laugh sheepishly until you've gotten a response, and then pray to God that someone will clutch your shoulder in sympathy and screech, "Yes, yes! I hate that!"

Shared human experience: it boosts our self-esteem, helps us make connections, and lets us laugh at ourselves.

Where would we be without those people next to us admitting that they too go crazy from the annoying fragment of letter on the chalkboard that the teacher missed with the eraser?How would we get by without that friend who also has trouble with the red string in band-aid wrappers? And by the way, have you ever noticed that...

-on the days your hair looks horrible to you, it looks the same as it always does to everyone else.

-fingernails and hair are the most beautiful things when they are long, but the second they fall off your body, they become disgusting pieces of trash.

-you come up with the perfect comeback to an insult a week after you've been insulted.

-no matter how much you love your parents, they can be two of the most embarrassing people in the world.

-nature programs such as Nova or National Geographic are the only T.V. programs your parents deem viewable, yet they always seem to fall asleep while watching them.

-it's impossible to eat an orange without smelling like one for the rest of the day.

-you accumulate movie ticket stubs, but you don't quite know what to do with them.

-scissors are always lost.

-people who dial wrong numbers make telephone calls at 4:00 a.m.

-your best dreams start five minutes before the alarm goes off.

-everyone's house has a specific smell that is undetectable to the person who lives there.

-people never sing "Happy Birthday" in tune.

-there is always a brown potato chip in a bag of chips.

-most of the time when a funny story flops and the narrator says, "you had to be there," it really wouldn't have helped to have been there.

With all the controversy on campus about what is and isn't funny, I often find myself questioning the things that make me laugh. Were they really funny, or was I laughing to push something away, to avoid thinking about it?

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EDITORIAL

Education for the future

After three occasionally intense and frequently redundant debates and months of vigorous campaigning, November 3 is nearly upon us.

Based upon the positions, policies and experiences of all three candidates we believe that the major issues of the decade—education, the environment, economic recovery, health care and a woman's right to choose, among others—would be best served under the leadership of Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

One of these important issues that will affect us all is the state of the educational system of America.

As the price of a Middlebury education approaches appalling new heights, and students find it more and more difficult to afford a Middlebury education, many current and future students will be affected by the government's education policies. The quality of education will affect not only current students but the standing of America in the world. America used to be the world leader in educating its citizens; now that claim is being made by Japan and other industrialized nations.

Based on Bush's record and the record of the Reagan Administration in education, it is clear that the nation desperately requires new leadership.

Over the past 12 years the federal share of local budgets for elementary and secondary schools has declined almost 50 percent and higher education costs have risen at twice the rate of family income.

The federal Pell grants to American students pay for less than 25 percent of the average cost of higher education, a figure that is half of what it was 10 years ago, and Bush's 1993 budget proposes cutting approximately 400,000 students from the federal college grant program.

In line with Bush's plan to place the responsibility of education on the states and communities, the U.S. House Budget Committee reports that education has fallen from 2.5 percent of the federal budget to 1.8 percent since 1980.

According to the Digest of Educational Statistics, 1991, the cost of a public education rose 109 percent during the 1980s and private college costs increased 145 percent compared to an inflation rate of only 64 percent.

Bush's "America 2000" strategy is too little too late to fight the rapid decline of education in America. The Republican platform calls Bush's plan "bold," but its reliance on "local communities where implementation and ultimate responsibility rest," suggests that the federal government is not willing to address the problem. Now, individual communities have been ordered to "take charge to achieve our ambitious national educational goals."

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, "on budget issues of importance to colleges, the platform says little about student aid."

Clinton's proposal to scrap the existing loan program and establish a National Service Trust Fund, on the other hand, ensures every American the right to borrow money for college and allows students the opportunity to pay back the loans either in increments after graduation or, more importantly, by giving back to the community by serving as teachers for one or two years.

Clinton, who has been endorsed by the National Educational Association, proposes the creation of better incentives to hire and retain good teachers within the system, including a plan to alter the certification process necessary for accreditation which would allow professionals and those in other occupations to devote some of their time to teaching.

Clinton also suggests increasing the Chapter One funding for low-income students in an effort to reduce the education gap between the rich and the poor and disadvantaged.

In order to improve productivity in the workplace and increase educational standards, Clinton and Gore vow to require every employer to spend 1.5 percent of payroll to continuing education for all workers.

Though Arkansas rates 33rd in the nation in 1992-3 appropriations to colleges, Clinton's commitment to higher education is reflected in a 25 percent increase over the past two years (compared to a national average of a 1 percent decline) which puts his state at second in the nation in the increase of college funding.

Clinton and Gore have proposed a comprehensive and progressive education program that comes much closer to solving the problems that the system currently faces. America cannot wait out a recession and expect other crises to solve themselves, nor can states expect that better times will make providing excellent education much easier. Economic prosperity does not guarantee an end to social ills.

There are many other "issues" of this election that should be considered in selecting a candidate; however, the Democratic commitment to education reform is, we believe, representative of its dedication to lowering the costs of health care, protecting the environment while ensuring economic growth and fighting against discrimination, AIDS and urban problems throughout the last decade of the 20th century.

(This editorial represents the opinion of a majority of the editorial board.)

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The Last Word

By Warner McGowin

In his article last week, Kevin Marshall expressed a sentiment about Gay Jeans Day that helps shed some light on why right-wing America continues to alienate virtually every segment of our society that is not in the "mainstream." Mr. Marshall made some valid points about Gay Jeans Day.

I agree that the occasion lacks the specificity to address the issues of gay rights adequately. In the same breath, however, he stated his position that not all homosexuals wish to be gay, because they are faced with confusion and lingering doubts about morality.

What Mr. Marshall achieves with this statement is a clarification of why the right-wing moralists of this country continue to anger the marginalized groups in America. If we take the example at hand, we see the shallow nature of this moralism.

Marshall acknowledges that many gays do not wish to remain so. This may be true. What he ignores, though, is the reason for this desire not to be gay. His article never considers that it is precisely the right-wing dogma in our country that makes homosexuals feel as though they should want to change.

When Pat Buchanan and Dan Quayle talk at length about the need for values that do not encourage, reward, or support homosexuals, they create an environment increasingly rife with confusion and insecurity.

Of course, Mr. Marshall does explain about Exodus International, a "support group" that seeks to assist in the "liberation" from homosexuality. What is lacking here is a desire to approach homosexuals not as deviants that need to be "fixed," but as a group that is different from most of us in one essential way.

With this perspective in mind, then true support can be offered. As long as one continues to moralize and preach, however, one falls into the dangerous game of moral hierarchy.

It is precisely this game that has led the right-wing into stronger confrontation with an increasing number of Americans. Mr. Marshall and others with similar outlooks seem to see a world in which right and wrong can be clearly defined, acted upon, and even legislated.

Now, I would not deny that there are certain moral truths that must be upheld for the survival of a society. People should not be allowed to kill one another. If the law permitted murder, chaos and war would ensue.

What I am opposed to is the constant moral judgement that comes from the far right.

Issues of sexuality, abortion, school prayer and the like are being taken to the political arena by the right-wing politicians and thinkers, and the clear message is that Americans need to define a national sense of "moral propriety," as Mr. Marshall calls it.

The men and women who espouse such a support for moral propriety fail to acknowledge that they are asking the American people-people as diverse in race, beliefs, and background as any in the world-to adopt a rationale that is, in many cases, entirely foreign.

The right-wing seems bent on indoctrinating through legislation. By this reasoning, laws cultivate moral responsibility.

This is the essential flaw: laws do not cultivate morality. Morality comes from upbringing, from history, and from daily interaction with people. Morality is an *internal* response to the world as one has grown up to understand it.

No amount of legislative coercion can change the way a society feels about these central issues. By trying to hand down morality to the masses, the right-wing is only poking at the edges of an enclosed circle that grows from within.

College party heads reject smearing

We, the leaders of the major political organizations on the Middlebury campus are writing to express our disgust with "campaigning-as-usual." We reject the mud-slinging and issue-dodging prevalent in today's political campaigns, both at the national level, and to some extent here. We believe that avoiding the pressing issues facing today's campaign, and instead substituting cheap and slanderous attacks on one's opponents will only result, and has only resulted in voter cynicism and distrust in our political system.

We believe that one of the greatest dangers to the republic is the voter apathy that this form of campaigning promotes. We believe that it is time for substantive discussion of issues facing the nation today. This discussion must be rooted in fact, and must not descend into political mud-wrestling.

To this end, we pledge that for the remainder of the campaign, and thereafter, we shall confine ourselves to debate and dialogue on real issues based in fact. Although we recognize that attacking the record or proposal of one's opponent is a part of any political campaign, we will limit ourselves to the facts, and reject cheap political tactics.

Rob Schlesinger '94
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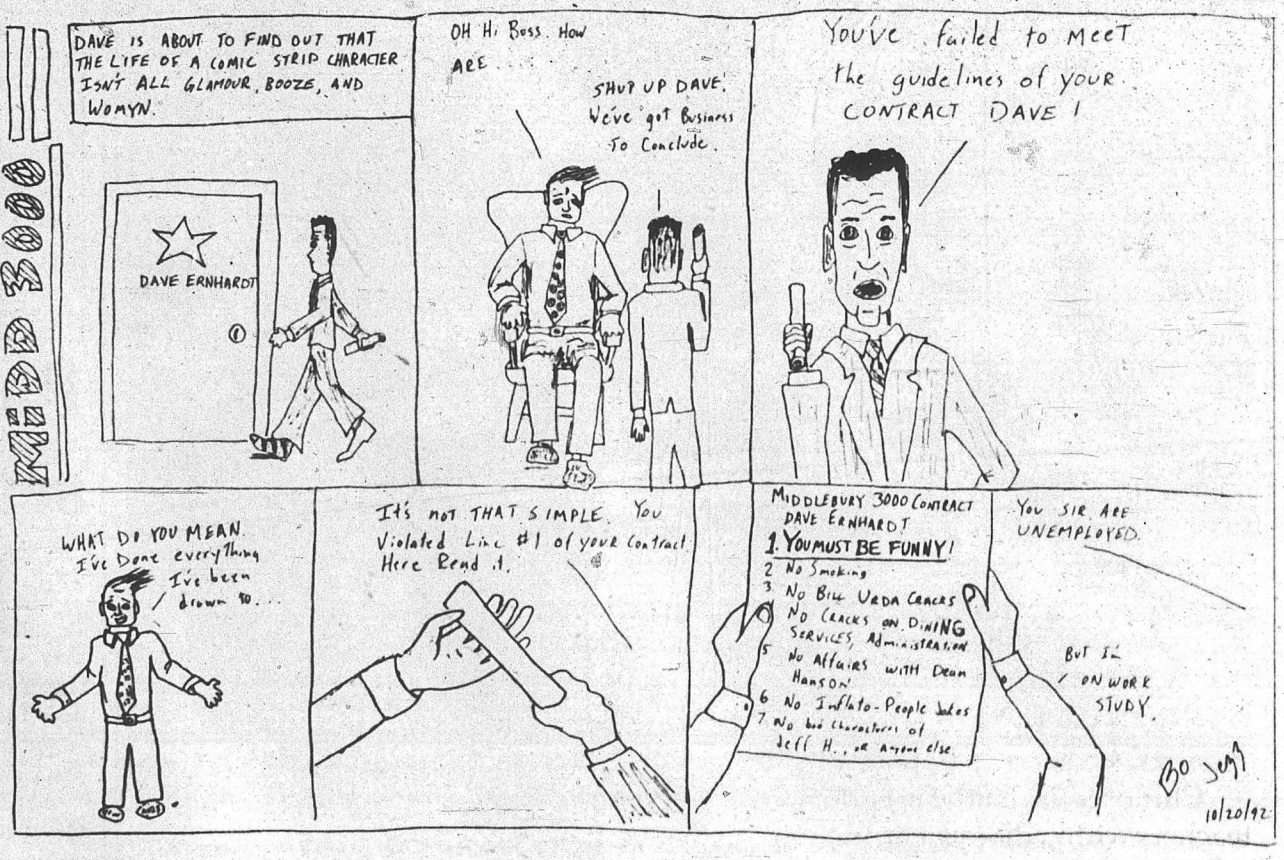
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Abortion is irresponsible and immoral

We in this "me-first" self centered society seem to have so much trouble with the concepts of right and wrong. We think ourselves better people if we shout tolerance and promote the false goodness of a so-called alternate lifestyle and a woman's right to choose.

What do we get for all this? War! A war of right and wrong. While there is much needed room for more love and compassion towards one another, tolerance is interpreted to mean acceptance, and there is much many of us do not accept!

We all live by certain laws both physical and spiritual, that will not be changed. First there are choices and actions which are right or wrong, then there are the consequences for each action. This is where our society has made its mistakes. We have been tricked into believing that we have the right to do whatever pleases us.

We fight to pass laws which condone any negative action resulting from bad choices., we fight for laws which free us from responsibility for our actions. Why don't the extreme consequences of the error of thought, such as AIDS, and the loss of generations of the unborn signal a burning red light towards our behavior?

During the first 200 years as a nation, the lives of over 1,000,000 Americans were lost due to war. These figures are dwarfed annually by the toll of a new war that claims more casualties than the total number of fatalities from all the wars of this nation. It is a war on the defenseless, the unborn.

The rationale for choice is to allow a woman to claim her "self-hood." A woman does have a right to choose what she does with her own body. To a certain extent we all have this right. We are free to think. We are free to plan.

We then are free to do, but once an action has been taken, we are never free from its consequences. Those considering abortion have already exercised certain choices with the exception of the small minority of innocent women whose choice was taken away by incest or rape. Choice is sealed by action.

To clarify this concept, we can learn from the astronaut. Any time during the selection process, planning, and preparation, he is free to withdraw. But once the powerful rocket fuel is ignited, he is no longer free to choose

Now he is bound by the consequences of his choice. Even if difficulties develop and he might wish otherwise, the choice made was sealed by action. The woman's choice for her own body does not validate choice for the body of another.

Terminating a pregnancy applies literally only to the woman. The consequence of terminating the fetus therein involves the body and very life of another. These are two individuals having separate brains, heats and circulatory systems. To say that there is no child and no life, is to deny reality.

While we pass laws to reduce pollution of the earth, any proposal to protect the moral and spiritual environment is shouted down and marched against as infringing upon liberty, agency, freedom, the right to choose.

Those determined to transgress see any regulation of their life-style as interfering with their agency and seek to have their actions condoned by making them legal. People who are otherwise sensible say, "I do not intend to indulge, but I vote for freedom of choice for those who do."

If it were that every woman whose choice it was to risk pregnancy would choose respect for human life and her power to create it, and accept full responsibility and willingness to sacrifice for a time, this ugly war would not exist.

Responsibility does not begin and end with whether a woman can raise a child in a loving healthy environment.

There are thousands of couples willing and desperate to have the opportunity to raise babies for those who feel they cannot. Reality is that abortions are nearly performed for "matters of convenience". This is not right, this is wrong. Regardless of how lofty and moral the "pro-choice" argument sounds, it is badly flawed.

With that same logic one could argue that all traffic signs and barriers which keep the careless from danger should be pulled down on the theory that each individual must be free to choose how close to the edge he will go. In making a choice for our national leaders, we must choose those who understand the issues that have life-long implications. For those who are willing and have the courage to fight to end this abomination, they will indeed be unpopular. Responsibility and morality is always unpopular.

If people would take a moment to think, they would see that abstinance before marriage, fidelity and responsibility would change the world. We would not have the serious problems which tear our lives apart today such as AIDS and crisis-pregnancies which plague our society. Until then, the war continues to rage as it should.

Holly Cookis said in her recent article, a vote for Bill Clinton would be a victory for women's rights and our constitutional rights. What victory is there in the continuing death sentence of the unborn?

A victory for Bill Clinton means certain death for many more generations of our unborn. It is unacceptable and an abomination. Life is a moral issue. When morality is involved, we have both the right and the obligation to raise a warning voice.

David & Jane Marcum

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Great Ideas

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jects must be provided. But should they be only for utility?

Glancing through the course listings in the program of modern languages, I noticed, for instance, that the German department offers classes in culture and business, which are indisputably useful for living abroad. But what about the great German commentators and philosophers?

Is it proper to major in German with no knowledge of Nietzsche, Hegel, and Lessing? Questions of this sort should be posed to all of the departments at Middlebury. Knowledge of things useful, if studied, should be combined with, not substituted for, knowledge of great ideas.

Josh Levy '96

Culpepper

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It certainly gets tiring to hear jokes that make fun of people who are different, but often what makes someone amusing is that she or he is so remarkable: we are surprised by her or his habits and foibles.

I think the difference lies in the attitude one has toward those distinguishing characteristics.

If we appreciate the difference, rather than mock it in order to boost our egos, we are laughing for a good reason. It's my view, then, that some of the funniest things in life lie in shared experience, in the ability to laugh at *our own* habits and foibles.

Agreement

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fraternity members chose to remain in compliance with the by-laws of their organization.

The national fraternity chose to recognize those who were in compliance with the national by-laws, not the groups under the guidance of Rich Cochran or Amar Rananwat.

Despite these problems of divided or "splinter" membership, the signers of the agreement assisted in the formation of coeducational houses, either through leadership or material goods. Thus, the fraternities lived up to the commitments within the written agreement and did not violate the oral agreement.

In conclusion, the Off-Campus Agreements of 1990, signed under the coercive threat of a Community Council 'death penalty,' were fully adhered to by those who agreed to the document.

Old Chapel, while ignoring its own acknowledgment of complications involving "splinter groups" and its own role in producing an ambiguous document, has decided to turn this into an issue of student credibility.

The most appropriate response would be to acknowledge the shortcomings and circumstances of the 1990 agreements and to reasonably deal with the issues of off-campus fraternities as they exist today. The SGA should emphatically assert that the agreement has not be violated and, therefore no action should be taken.

Rob Reis '93
Pete Laliberte '93

SPORTS SHORTS

•**Women's Tennis** traveled to Dartmouth this weekend to face the Dartmouth B-team, handing them a 6-3 defeat.

Helen Motter '96 and Nancy Olsen '93 remain undefeated in singles this year while strong performances were given by Chantal denBroeder '95 and Shelly Morse '95, who lost a particularly suspenseful match 7-5, 7-5.

The talented women's team practices this week in anticipation for the New England Division III Championships where they will compete in a field of 28 teams.

Coach Gail Smith commented, "We probably are one of the top three teams competing."

•**The crew team** competed in Middlebury's second appearance at the famous Head of the Charles regatta last Sunday, spurred on by the throng of supportive Middlebury crew fans lining the course.

Entering two boats, the Middlebury team rowed with determination as the men's varsity four finished seventh out of a field of 38 teams while the women's varsity four finished 29th out of 40 teams.

The men's boat, coxed by Scott Godes '94, included David Owens '93, Peter Ruben '93, Peter Mace '94, and David Mitchell '95.

In addition to an impressive seventh place victory on a day when many top boats set records, the men's four avenged their second place finish to Vassar at the Head of the Hudson, soundly beating them by 16 seconds in this race.

The women's boat, coxed by Caren Priest '95, included Liz Weems '94, Kristen Hood '93, Brooke Wynkoop '93, and Jen Mallet '95.

On a beautiful day, the placid water of the Charles River made a great host for the largest single-day rowing event in the world. Maggie Lee '95 said, "It was a perfect day for rowing."

The teams' mere participation in the regatta was almost as important as their finishes; it established Middlebury crew as a significant presence in Northeast collegiate rowing.

At the Head of the Connecticut two weekends ago, the lightweight fours came in fifth out of nineteen boats. They turned in a strong race, beating boats from such crew powerhouses as Yale and Harvard.

The women's four (l to r): Cox Caren Priest '95, stroke Liz Weems '94, Kris Hood'93, Brooke Wynkoop '93, and Jen Mallet '95. *Photo by Roberta Stewart*

Middlebury's aggressive play overcame Hamilton. *Photo by Abdul Kalaff*

Panther win improves season record to 7-4

By Erin O'Connell

The women's field hockey team kept alive the possibility of post season play with a 3-1 victory over the Hamilton Continentals here on Saturday. The win improved the Panther record to 7-4 as they hit the road for the remaining three games of the season.

Middlebury dominated the well-played contest as they got off 42 shots to Hamilton's 21. A strong performance from Hamilton goalie Abby Gardiner, who had 30 saves, kept this one from becoming a rout.

Junior Nancy Hastings, who is right behind Ellwood in the scoring column, poked another Panther score through the pipes with 4:35 remaining in the half. Not to be outdone, Ellwood picked up an assist on the play.

Down 2-0, the Continentals continued to scrap and put pressure on the Middlebury defense and seemed primed to score when they were awarded a penalty corner following a Middlebury infraction in the scoring circle. But they failed to execute and Ellwood wound up with the ball ahead of the pack and Middlebury had a 3 on 2 fast break.

Hamilton was whistled for high sticking as they attempted to clear Hastings centering pass and Middlebury had their own corner.

The Panthers got off a shot, but Gardiner was there to deflect it. Ellwood was able to chase the ball down while Gardiner was still out of position and she beat the lone defender with a high shot over her shoulder to close out the Middlebury scoring with 18:19 remaining in the game.

Hamilton's hustle finally paid off when Sarah Sprague scored off a defender's stick six minutes later.

Middlbury closes out the season with trips to St. Lawrence and Trinity next week.

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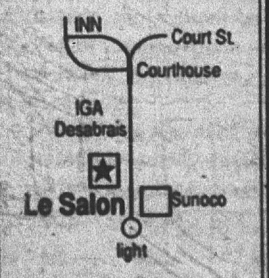

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Men's soccer shuts out against Norwich, loses to Williams

By Rick Merriam
and Greg Fisher

Hoping to continue their winning ways, the Middlebury men's soccer squad went through an up-and-down week. Their midweek game against the much-improved Cadets of Norwich University was rewarding, but the weekend matchup with Williams College was not as glorious.

Coach Dave Saward's squad went into the Norwich match on a high. The offense was scoring better than two goals per game, and the defense was allowing fewer than a single goal per outing.

That trend was perfectly reflected in the 3-0 outcome of this match. Senior Mike Walker notched his ninth and 10th goals of the season in the first half, and fellow senior Tony Claudino managed his fourth midway into the second 45 minute period.

Said sophomore Jeff Fellinger of the game, "we were worried that we might come out flat, a bit over confident, but our defense was tough and the goals came for us."

However, the fates were less kind on the road in Williamstown. With many followers at the game full of complementary comments and spirits, the Panthers scored the first goal when Claudino beat a defender in the corner and crossed a ball towards the middle of the goal box. Thanks to slick field conditions and a tad of luck, the ball skipped past another Williams back to an anticipating Michael Hart '93 who toed the sphere past a frozen Eph goalie to make the score 1-0.

Justin Harrison '95 (#19) leads the attack on offense. *Photo by Mike DiBianco*

With the Ephs playing possession soccer at the midfield and kick-and-run from the fullbacks to the forwards, Middlebury relied heavily on the hustle and work of John Atherton '93, Andy Biggs '94, and Jeff David '94 in the back along with halfbacks Brendan Donahue '94, Cullen Meade, and Steve Halloran '94.

Walker was able to squeek through twice to be in alone on the Williams keeper, but to his dismay, both times his shots drifted too high over the crossbar.

The score and the pace of the game remained similar in the second half as in the first. Williams did most of the running, and Middlebury defended fiercely and countered repeatedly. It was not until the 38:30 mark of the half that the score changed. On a pass from midfield, Williams midfielder Nick Phillips beat oncoming Middlebury goalie Bo Wilmer '94 to the ball and rolled the ball into the net.

"It was a tough play. Their guy hustled for the ball and it paid off for them," said sophomore J.P. Watson of the score that forced overtime.

So on it went to extra time; two 15 minute periods following 90 plus minutes of regulation play. The momentum that they had gained following the late goal put Williams back on the scoreboard in the first overtime session. Senior Jake Upton's tally put the Ephmen on top for good.

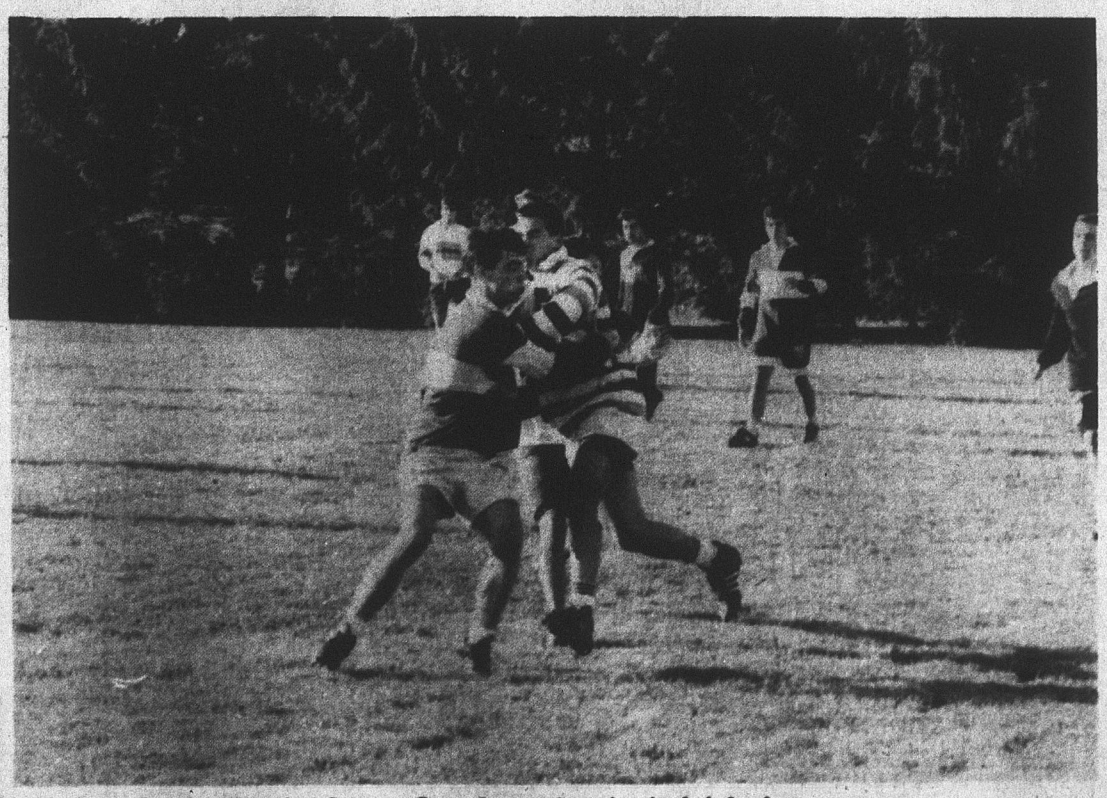
Although this might have complelety broken most teams' backs, the Panthers applied pressure until the final whistle, but were never able to equalize. The contest ended Williams 2, Middlebury 1.

The Panthers now stand at 7-3 and a post-season tournament bid is still up for grabs. Wins this week would no doubt help their cause.

"We want to be 11-3 and there's no question that we can get there," commented Claudino following the Williams disappointment.

The men now set thier sights on perhaps their two biggest matchups to date; a Wednesday game against Western Connecticut State and a Parents' Weekend battle with Babson.

"A win at Williams would have sent us on our way," said senior Eric Jones, "but as it is, we'll have to focus on the upcoming games and do what we have to do to win."



The ruggers played well against Johnson State, but can't maintain their lead. *Photo by Mike DiBianco*

Johnson outlasts Panther ruggers

By Jonathan Loewald

Hungry after their midweek 40-5 drubbing of Green-Mountain State, the Middlebury ruggers looked forward to their confrontation with undefeated Johnson State.

The Middlebury offense had finally opened up in their game against an inexperienced yet feisty Green-Mountain club, exploding for eight tries. Co-captain James Wilcox '93 led the scoring, registering four tries, while winger John Chadd '94, scrum-half Chris Marshall '94, and forwards John Micheal Taylor '94, and Chase Byron '94, each scored once, though the official team records show that Marshall's trie was a designed eight-man pick up which would have proved equally successful.

As the ruggers paced back and forth along the rugby pitch bathed in warm mid-morning sunlight it soon became apparent that they would not be playing with a full squad; several important members of both the forwards and backs had decided to begin their vacations early and skip the Johnson game. Having been caught unawares in this predicament, the co-captains selected a group of young talented B-siders to step into the limelight.

Due to the team's rigorous weekly training schedule and previous match experience the B-siders responded well, playing heads-up rugby and not giving ground to the more experienced Johnson A-side players.

As the game commenced it looked as though the Middlebury team would have its first two-game sweep of the season. Once again the forwards dominated the scrum downs and matched up well in the line-outs and close play against a larger opposing pack.

The Middlebury scrum, playing perhaps their best game of the season, provided the backs with ample scoring opportunities which they took advantage of by out-scoring Johnson 22-12 in the first half. Wilcox once again led the scoring, and torched the Johnson back line for several lone runs and scores. Paul Holmesacourt '95 got in his two kicks worth, for four points.

Unfortunately, the Middlebury ruggers allowed their energy to ebb in the second half; this resulted in two tries for Johnson State. Though the Middlebury backs were able to punch in a second half score, the day ended in despair as the ruggers watched Johnson succeed on an extremely difficult conversion in the waning minutes of the game and prevail 31-29.

An excellent game was played by both sides; much blood was shed and several Johnson State ruggers went to Porter for stitches.

Women's soccer scores win at home

By Claudio Salas

Women's soccer has come back strong after a winless five game streak during which they went 0-4-1.

This past week, with the advantage of playing on home turf, the Panthers beat both Norwhich and Hamilton, improving their record to 4-5-1. Last year's leading scorer, forward K.D. Falso '94, has turned it on lately, tallying three goals and an assist in the past two games.

The Panthers started their week on Tuesday, October 13, with an absolute drubbing of Norwich 7-0. The result was never in question as the Panthers took out their season's frustrations by keeping the ball on the Norwich end of the field the entire game. Goalie Sarah Cahill '93 only had to make two saves, one in each half.

Falso and Katie Poinier '95 played outstanding soccer for Middlebury, scoring two goals each. The two scores brought Poinier's team-leading total to six.

Amy Lilly '93, Sarah Archabal '95, and Cortney Thompson '96 also scored a goal apiece for the Panthers.

Middlebury followed its walk over Norwich with a convincing win over Hamilton this past Saturday.

Middlebury once again took control of the game early, but this time the goals didn't come as easily. Despite constant pressure up front from forwards Lilly and Falso and control of the midfield with junior mid-fielder Jen Reeher's strong play, the score remained tied at 0-0 at the end of the first half.

During this first half and the beginning of the second, Falso was on fire. Every time she touched the ball she dribbled past several Hamilton players and created tantalizing opportunities for Middlebury. Falso consistently displayed nifty ball handling and came close to scoring on various opportunities.

However, Middlebury's best chance came from Reeher. With 20 minutes left in the half, Reeher received a perfect through ball from Falso, beat several defenders and took a rising shot just past the 18. The Hamilton goalie just managed to get her hands high enough to prevent the shot from reaching the back of the net.

Falso, Lilly, and Reeher were rewarded for their hard work during the second half. The scoring started when a generous referee awarded Middlebury a free kick just past midfield. Sophmore back Kelly Hefner placed a strong kick into the Hamilton penalty area. After bouncing off a Hamilton defender, the ball was rifled into the net by Falso.

The second goal came as Middlebury caught the Hamilton defense off guard with a Reeher through-ball at midfield. The pass led forward Amy Lilly perfectly, and she took the ball all the way past the 18. Her shot was very similar to the one Reeher had in the first half, but this time the Hamilton goalie was unable to hold on; the ball bounced off her hands and into the net, closing out Panther scoring and sealing their 2-0 victory.

Although she admitedly didn't have to work too hard, senior goalie Sarah Cahill's back to back shutouts, after a shaky Skidmore game, solidly reaffirm her position in net.

Becky Worley '93, returning to her usual spot in the backfield, along with the always-solid Wendy Jansen '93, led a steady defense that rendered the Norwhich and Hamilton offenses nonentities.

Middlebury now has four games left in their schedule and could conceivably win all four. The only stumbling block is that only one of the four games is on home turf. This last home game is on Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 pm, versus Wellesley.

SPORTS

Football beats undefeated Williams en route to 4-0 start

By Jay Staunton

Going into the showdown of the unbeaten teams with NESCAC rival Williams College last Saturday, Middlebury had cause for concern — the Ephmen had won their last eight straight games, and could point to years of dominance over the Panthers, and the rest of the division. Also, the Ephmen were looking to get the school's 500th win in football.

Not since 1987 has Middlebury been able to handle the high-powered offenses and vaunted defenses of their nemesis from Williamstown, a program which is consistently at the top of every poll in football East. Middlebury, however, has been witness to a rebirth in Panther gridiron success, and could boast a 4-0 record, just as mighty as Williams.

Seemingly, the Ephmen's spot atop the league's standings would no longer go unchallenged, as the hungry Middlebury unit went south on Route 7 intent on maintaining their own unblemished record. To accomplish such a lofty goal, the Panthers had to test their mettle against the best the NESCAC has to offer.

By the end of the afternoon, Middlebury had not only achieved its primary objective of winning the contest, but had in the process handed the Ephmen their first shutout in over five years. In doing so, the team both knocked a top contender off course, and established itself as a league powerhouse.

The game was punctuated with turnovers; the Panther defense caused five of them. Tim Shaw '93 swept down on two errant John Birkens passes, both putting an end to long drives, and Paul Casarico '94 pitched in with an interception of his own.

Repeatedly, Williams was frustrated in any attempt to move the ball, with senior captain Rick Gronda's defensive unit coming up with the big play when necessary.

Gronda ended up with seven tackles, inspiring an effort by his mates which limited the Ephmen to a mere 200 yards in total offense on the day. Just as impressive were the paltry 10 first downs the stingy defense allowed. In all, the Ephmen scoring opportunities were few and far between, putting the onus on the Panther offense to control the ball and put some points on the board.

Unfortunately for Middlebury, the offensive unit had some difficulty getting the ball into the end-zone. While they did have success moving the ball on the ground, especially with sophomore fullback Mike Brass, the drives seemed to run out of steam inside the Williams 30 yard line. The one drive which Panthers managed to complete for a score turned out to be the deciding factor, as the defense stayed solid and the team relied, in what is becoming a weekly story, on the foot of Eddie Opler '93.

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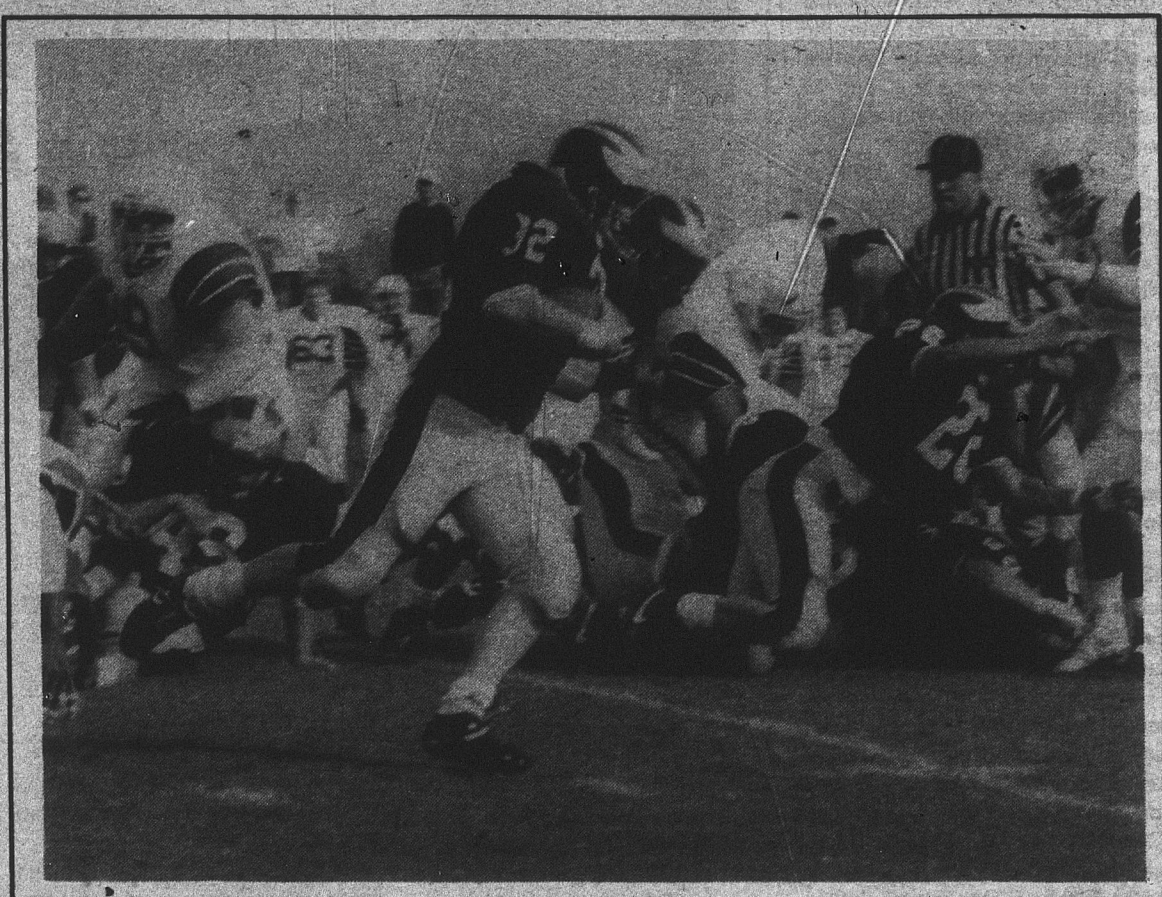
With Middlebury in trouble inside their own 20, Paul Dalpe '93 scooped up a loose ball. Though Dalpe's attempted advance with the recovered fumble did not display the footwork which has made him a force to be reckoned with on the dance floor, the Panthers appeared inspired by the reversal of fortunes.



Mike Brass '95 broke for some important yards against Williams. *Photo by Roberta Stewart*

Quarterback Andy Hyland '93, playing with a partially separated shoulder and a good deal of pain, led the Panthers on a nine-play, 73 yard drive. A 49 yard strike to Ryan Sullivan '95 was the highlight of a march that eventually sputtered at the the Williams 17.

Facing fourth down and long, the call was made — send in Eddie Opler. To be sure, the Ephmen had heard whispers of the placekicker, now in only his second year of organized football, and the crowd was hushed as Opler set himself up for the kick. The snap was crisp and true; junior Doug Clarner's soft hands quickly had the ball teed-up. Opler's leg whipped through the hold, the ball flew up, and determinedly floated through the uprights before a stunned crowd. These three lone points would prove the difference, holding up against all last second desperation attempts by once-mighty Williams.

The second half was a battle of defensive units, with neither offense being able to establish any consistent attack. Middlebury did press its good field position, utilizing Brass often. The sophomore benefited from a defense focused on containing the threatening Matt Whitcomb '94, and accumulated 160 yards on the afternoon. Brass' efforts were indeed impressive, earning him co-NESCAC offensive Player of the Week honors. However, Hyland was plagued by turnovers in his attempts to find the goal-line, having his drives marooned just outside reach of even a field goal.

Luckily for the Panthers, Williams was experiencing the same problems. The defense, a savvy veteran unit which has been the backbone of this team, kept matters under control.

Timely turnovers and gutsy defensive stands were the medicine of the day, as the Ephmen were continually thwarted away from the Panther end. However, the Ephs proved that they did not enjoy numerous winning seasons without developing some team character and resourcefulness. Indeed, it was the Williams' players experience with winning that almost changed the outcome.

With less than one minute to go in the game, a costly miscue gave Williams one last chance to reassert themselves as the premeire team in the conference.

Hyland's fumbled snap was recovered by Williams on their own 11-yard line, and the presses were put on hold with 36 seconds left.

Some deft passes by Birknes led a frenzied drive right down to Middlebury's 25 yard line with only four seconds left. Dropping back to pass, Birknes let fly into the end-zone, where an Eph wideout was met by Grady Woodring '93 and Shaw. The ball trickled to the ground, ensuring Middlebury's victory and, to date, still-unblemished record.

For his performance, Shaw was awarded the coveted Golden Trophy, given to the best defensive and offensive player in the East, in all divisions.

With such outstanding individual performances and the continued team effort, the Panthers look forward to meeting Bates at home this Saturday. Though not rated among the powers of the league, the prospect of possibly knocking off an unbeaten team can inspire the unlikeliest of oppenents, so the Panthers will come out hungry and prepared to guard their perfect record.

XC teams place in Thames River Invitational

By Josh Israel

The Middlebury men's and women's cross-country teams traveled to Connecticut College over mid-term break to race in the annual Thames River Invitational on Saturday, October 17. Ten teams, including teams for Tufts, Norwich, Rhode Island College, and Wheaton College, rounded out the Middlebury men's field.

The Tufts team proved to be the Panthers' tough opponents as the Jumbos edged out the Panthers winning the team competition. Yet, as Jake Kritzer '95 described, "it was a good day for the team as a whole."

It was an especially incredible day for Kritzer himself, as he won the men's race, his second consecutive victory, after finishing first at the Plattsburg race the week before. Kritzer has stepped up the intensity this season as displayed by his first two career wins.

The men's second place finish in the Thames River Invitational was particularly impressive since they competed without their top racer, Gil Prado '93 who was busy taking graduate school exams.

Strong performances were registered by the other members of the sophmore trio, as Matt Somers finished fifth while Zac Laidley crossed the finish line in eighth place. Also notable was the 14th place finish by senior Chad Bryant, who has been crippled by illness and injury all season, but was able to come up strong when the Panthers needed him.

The women also faired well as they finished third in the team competition behind the victorious Coast Guard team and the second place Tufts team.

The women had to compete in a larger field than the men, with teams from Southern Connecticut and Gorden College among others.

Both the men and the women were forced to tackle a mountainous course at Connecticut College, but they were prepared for it, as Kritzer pointed out, "our Chipman hill training really paid off." Although the course was tough, cool temperatures and calm winds helped the racers finish with relatively fast times.

The Thames River Invitational was a great preparatory race for the upcoming NESCACs this Saturday at home. The Panthers are training hard to avenge the loss against Tufts and look foward to racing against the third ranked Williams team.

The women's team finished third in the meet. *Photo by Abdul Kalaff*